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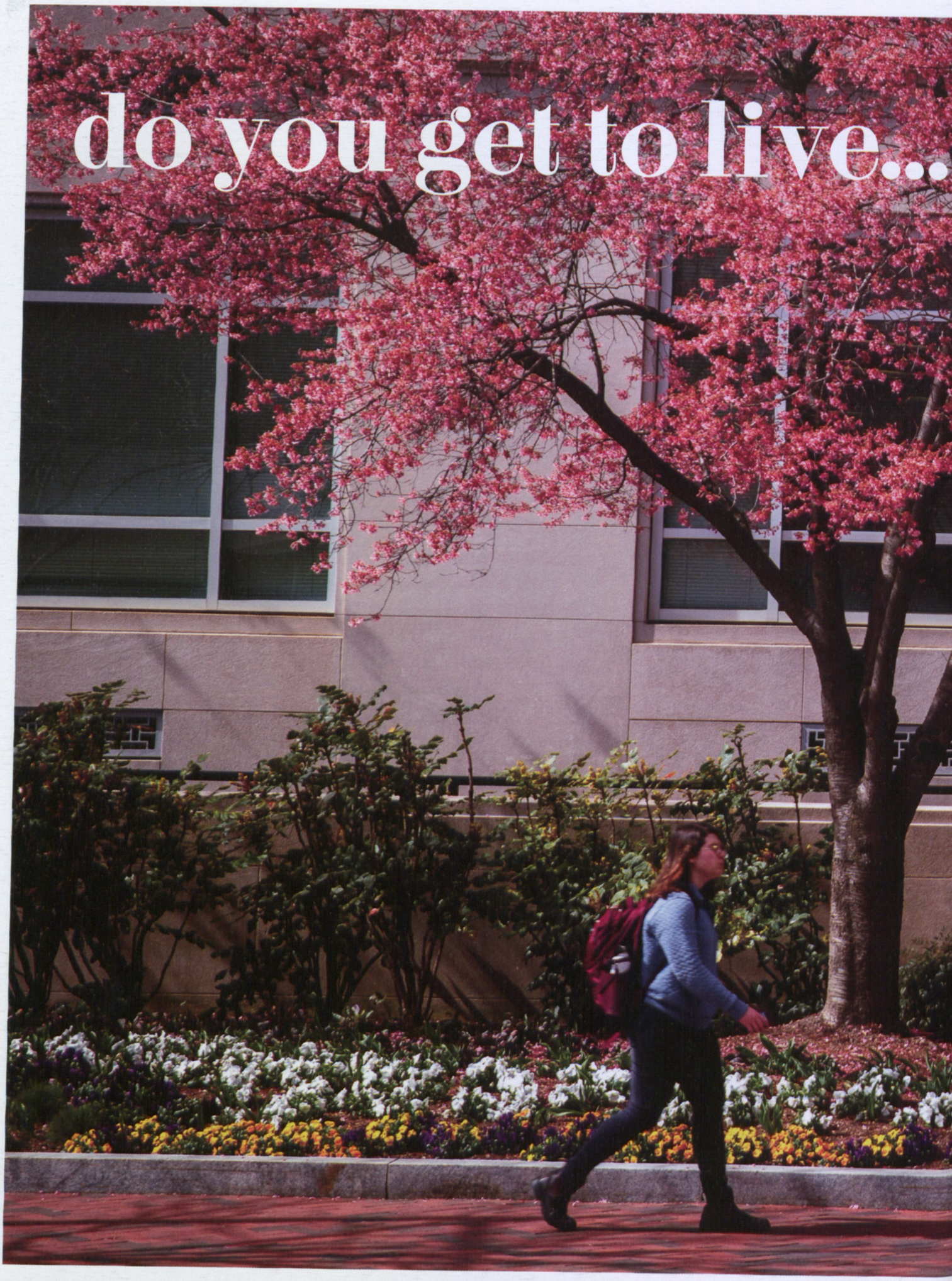
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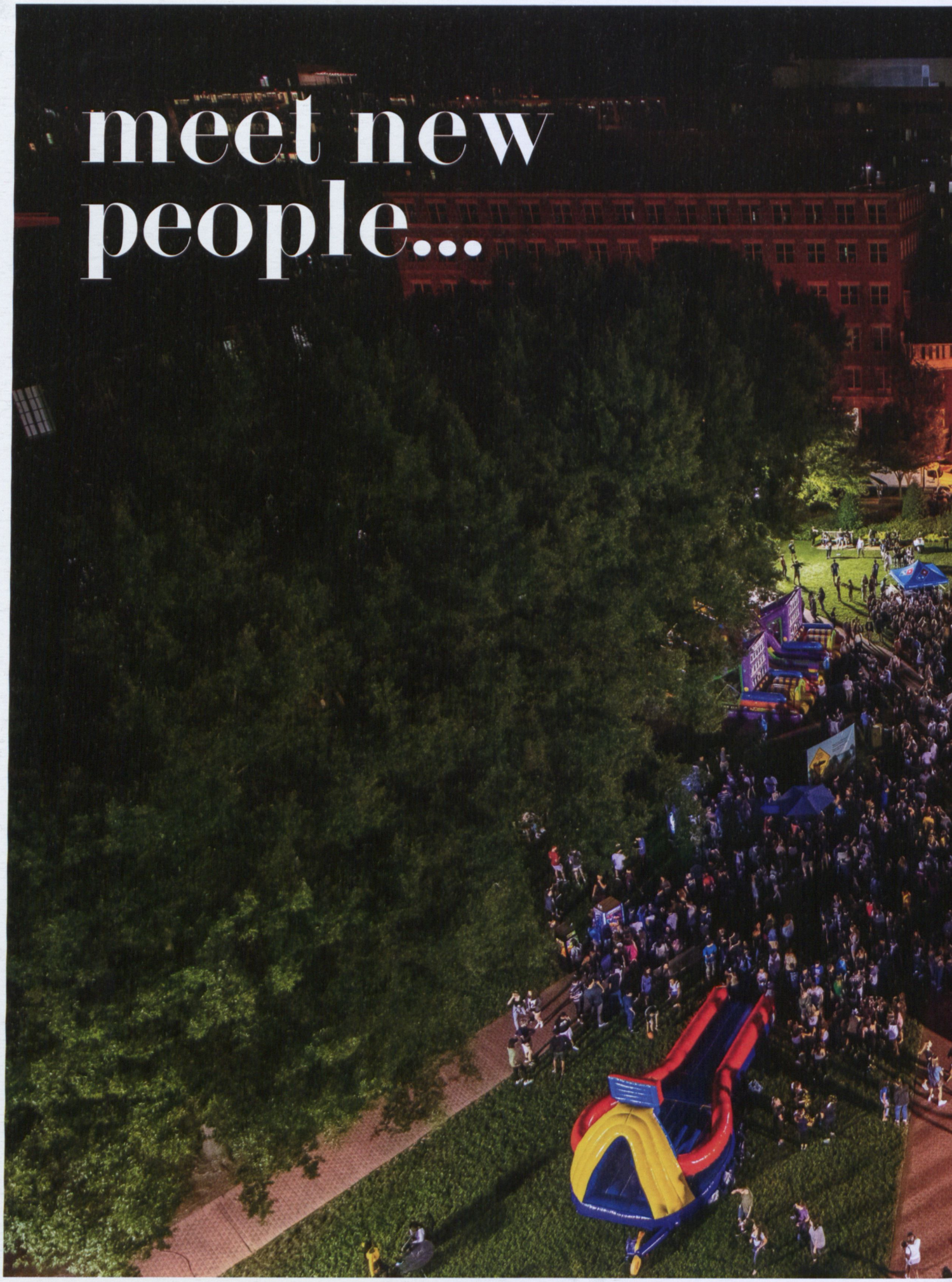
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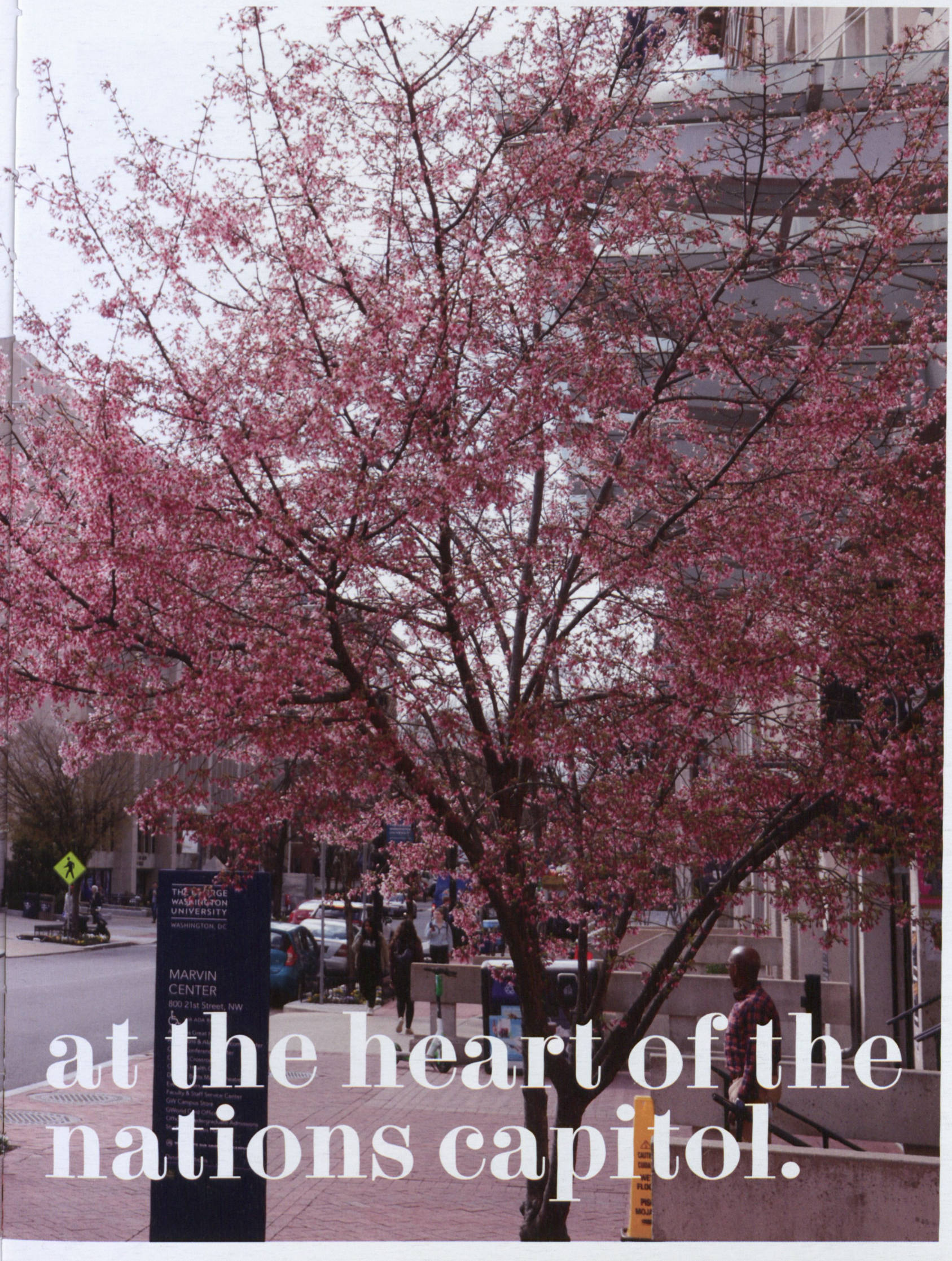

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letter from the EDITOR

Dear GW Students,

The book you are holding is the 112th edition of The George Washington University Cherry Tree Yearbook. It encompasses the experiences that make attending The George Washington University truly unique. The images, stories and moments only begin to capture the #OnlyatGW experiences that each student at GW knows so closely by the time they finish their journey at GW.

From midnight walks to the monuments, spotting a motorcade on your walk to class, countless internships, hundreds of student organizations and sleepless nights spent in Gelman, being a student at GW is guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience. The memories we all make extend far beyond the classroom and just your four years at GW. I hope you enjoy looking through the pages of this book and recalling your favorite #OnlyatGW moments.

Thank you to my outstanding staff who worked diligently to create a book that truly represents the #OnlyatGW experience. Through your attention to detail, captivating designs, thoughtfully written stories and spectacular photographs, you all contributed to the amazing final product we were able to create. Without each and every one of your talents this book would not have been possible and would not represent an extensive #OnlyatGW experience. Despite having to finish this book from all different parts of the country, you all came together and created something to be proud of.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! I know this wasn't the ending to your time at GW you were hoping for or expecting, but your perseverance through unprecedented times stands as a testament to your grit and determination. As we all go our own directions the skills gained and memories made as a part of your #OnlyatGW experience will stick with you forever and is something that you and your fellow classmates will always have in common. As you flip through the pages of this book, you will see students and professors recalling their favorite times at GW as well as the elements that they believe make GW so unique. Whether it be making lifelong friends on the first day of freshman year, having the support of your organization to lead successful events or teach students who truly have a passion for what they are learning, GW is a school like no other. The Class of 2020 has shown GW and the world that not even a pandemic can stop them from achieving the goals and success they sought out after. You have already gone on to change the world and are sure to continue upon graduation.

With the earnest desire that its pages will bring together more closely the various departments of the University, and keep fresh in our memories this year of increased student activities and college spirit, this 2020 Cherry Tree has been published.

Raise High,
Lily Hatzenbeler
Editor-in-Chief

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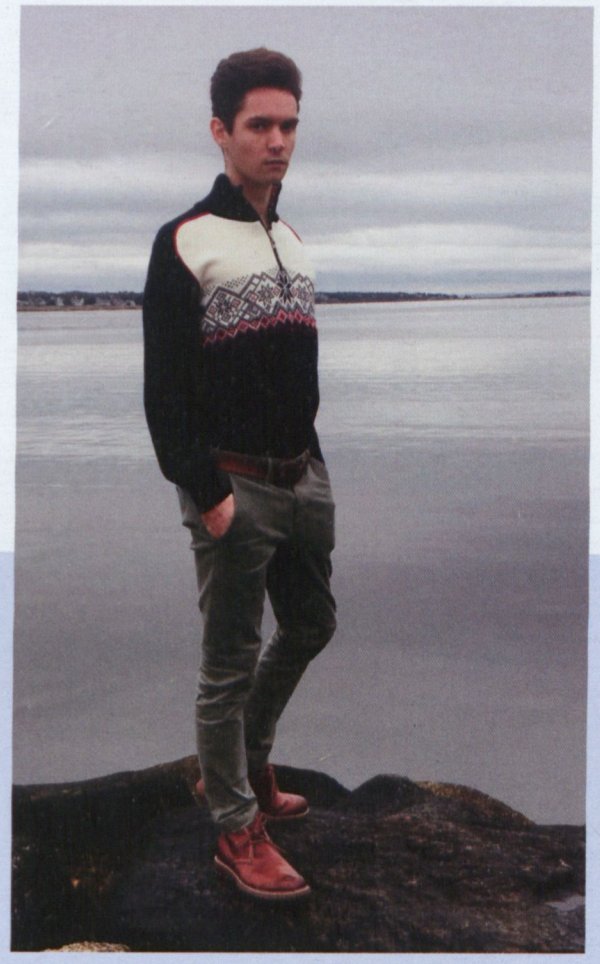

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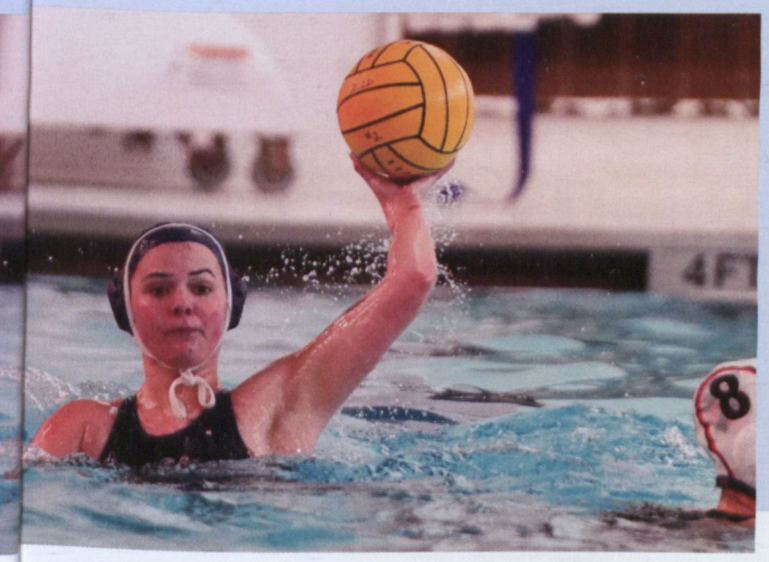

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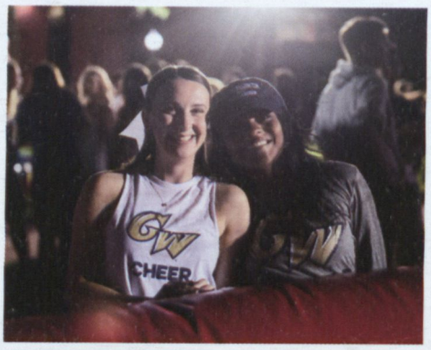
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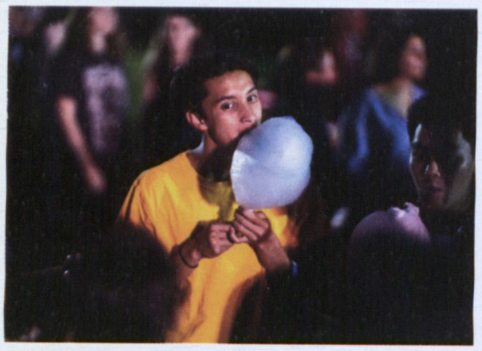

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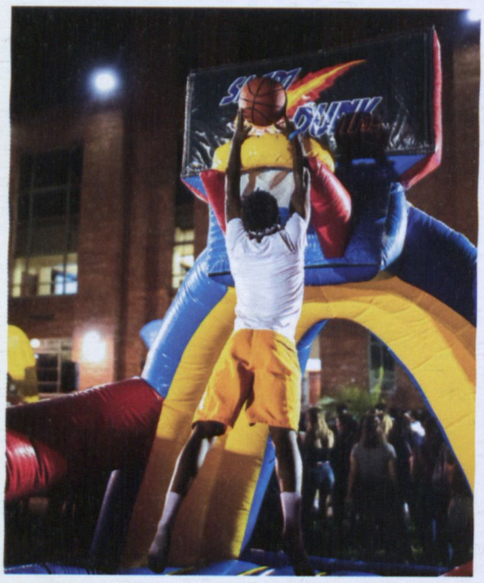

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MOVE IN & welcome week

The 2019-2020 school year kicked off with GW's annual Welcome Week festivities. This tradition is meant to welcome new students, provide opportunities for them to connect, build relationships, learn about resources, and build a community at GW, but also welcome back returning upperclassmen to the hustle and bustle of Foggy Bottom.

From August 25 to September 1, the campus was full of different opportunities. Starting with First Night on the Saturday before the week officially began, students were invited to U-Yard. The next morning began with the RHA sponsored Bed Bath & Beyond pop-up shop and continued into the afternoon with two Find-a-Church events sponsored by the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and the Agape Campus Christian Fellowship. In addition, many art installations created by Corcoran students were featured, including Fast Fashion/Slow Art.

Monday began with a breakfast for the new senior class in Kogan followed by a full day of fun. The day ended with Campus Recreation's Late Night @ the Rec. The week continued with an epic Tuesday. Some standouts were the Club Sports Fair, which gave students a chance to meet with different club teams before fall tryouts, and Party in the Yard, another event in U-Yard full of games, food, and even performances from GW's acapella groups. Wednesday also had performances from talented students, this time in the Marvin Continental Ballroom. There was also a LGBTQIA Resource Center Open House held by the MSSC, a TedXFoggyBottom event, Transfer Student Social, Colonial Health Center Open House, and a Movie Night hosted by the SA, RHA & DivOps.

The middle of the week hit, but the events didn't slow down. Thursday started off with a sticker sale benefitting GW Alt Breaks and on Friday Camp Kesem hosted a Kickoff, the MSSC hosted their annual Block Party, and there was a home volleyball game. Then, Saturday morning began with two hikes hosted by GW Trails, a GW Fashion Flea Market, a cookout on the Vern, and a concert held by MFOLGW.

The final day of Welcome Week marked the beginning of a new era. Due to the anticipation of another week of classes, the activities started winding down. The Sons of Pitches held auditions, the Student Theatre Council held a cookout, and the Office for the Student Experience hosted Harry Potter themed events both on Foggy and on the Vern. All these events and communities showcase the fun GW has to offer. It's almost certain that next Welcome Week will be even bigger and better than this year's.

new student ORIENTATION

In August of 2019, GW welcomed its Class of 2023 with a new and improved New Student Orientation program. This was the first year of the new orientation program which involved freshman students participating in orientation activities the week before starting fall semester classes, rather than visiting DC mid-summer as was done in prevosu years. This years freshmen moved into their dorms on August 21st and were able to meet their new roommates and get acclimated to residence hall life right away!

As orientation activities began, new students were welcomed to campus with kick-off parties and speeches from student deans and President Leblanc. Programming was scheduled from Wednesday to Sunday, with many different optional activities offered both in Foggy Bottom and on the Mount Vernon Campus. These included the Multicultural Student Services Center Block Party, Late Night at the Rec, a student organization fair, movie screenings on the Vern soccer field, and breakout sessions about life in D.C. and adjusting to college! On Saturday evening, the First Night party was held in University Yard to welcome returning students back to campus as well as new freshmen.

Throughout orientation week, new students were grouped with upperclassmen orientation leaders who helped them navigate the schedule and provided other sm group activities. Orientation lead also led group meetings and show freshmen GW: The Series, a vid series about what to do and what n to do when starting school at GW.

Families of new students were al offered programming throughout t week, which helped ease th transition as well. Overall, this ne model of New Student Orientatio seemed to facilitate a much easier an smoother transition to college life f the incoming freshmen class. They we able to meet classmates, get adjuste to their schedules, and ease into th first week of classes with lots of hel available. Most importantly, they wer able to get a real taste of life at GW!

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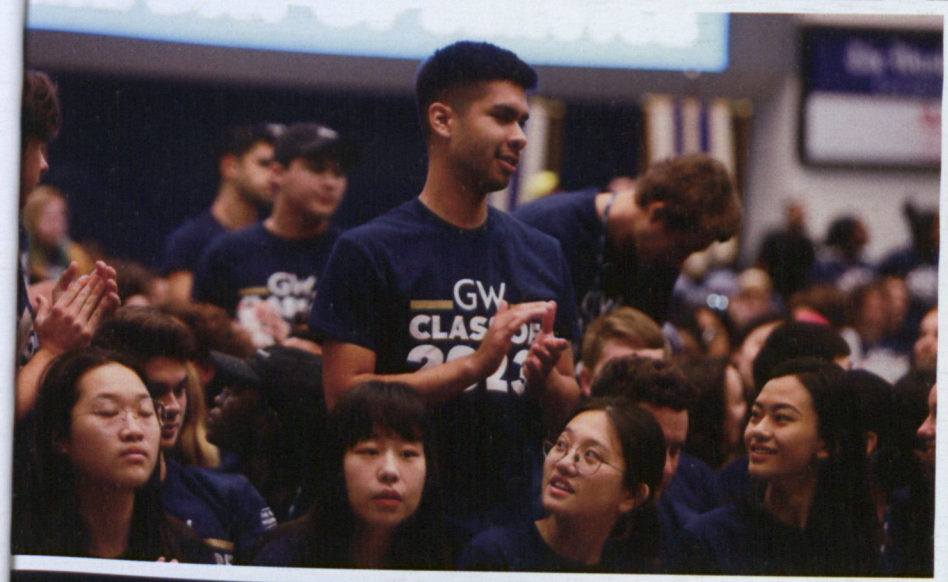
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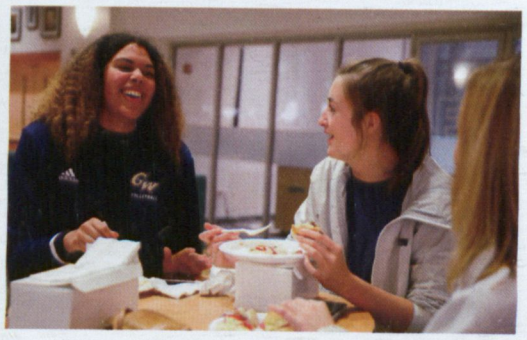
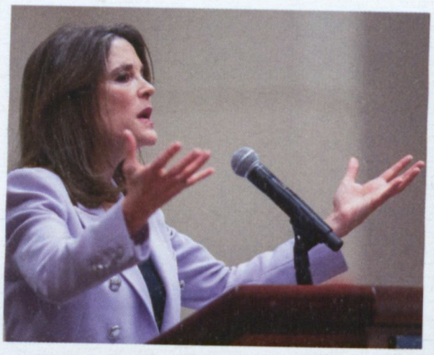


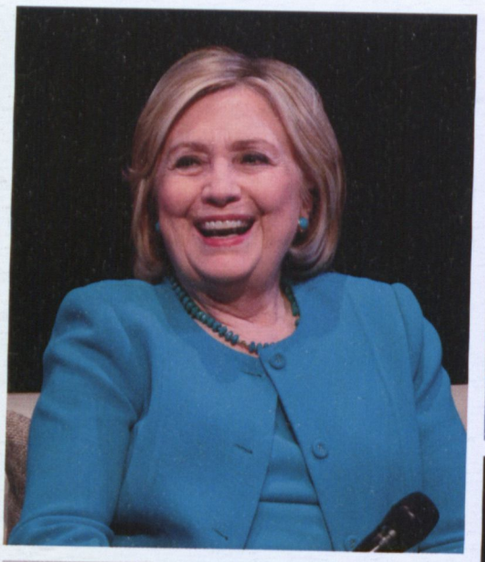
COLONIALS weekend

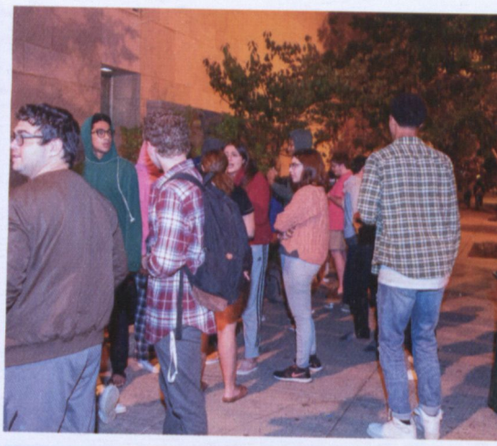
This year's Colonials Weekend took place from September 20th to the 22nd. It was an unforgettable weekend filled with many fun events for families, students, and alumni alike. On Friday, the festivities began for the class of 1969 who celebrated their monumental 50th reunion with a special bus tour of beloved GW sites, a luncheon, and presentations from the best of GW faculty. Also on Friday, the deans of each academic school hosted welcome receptions to celebrate each unique community. Everyone was welcome at the night's kickoff party, complete with live music, photo booths, food, and dancing!

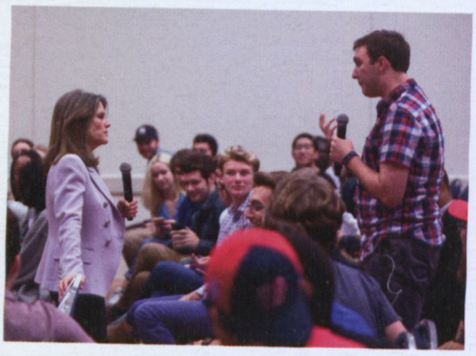
Saturday began with family receptions with the deans of each college, which was a perfect way for new GW parents to learn about their students school. President LeBlanc offered a special conversation with members of the GW community, sharing his ideas and plans for the future of the university. The afternoon's Buff and Blue BBQ was a perfect way for families to socialize and enjoy the warm fall weather. Afterwards, they were invited to learn about all GW has to offer at a Family Resource Fair. The classes of 1994, 1999, 2009 and 2014 also celebrated reunions over the weekend. The night ended with Acapellapalooza, a fun showcase of GW's talented student acapella groups.

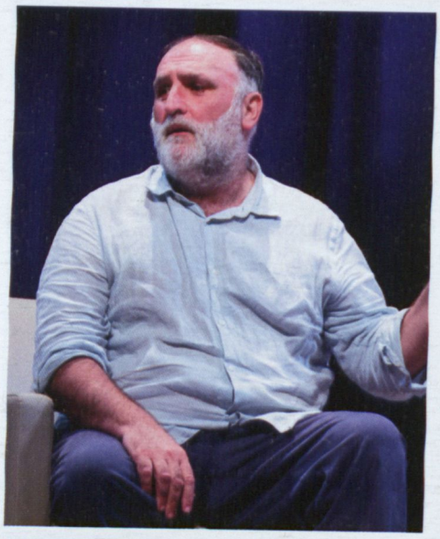
On Sunday, families and alumni were invited to a jazz brunch on University Yard and enjoyed wonderful musical performances from music students and faculty. The last event was a panel discussion on political discourse, hosted by GW professors and alumni! Colonials Weekend 2019 was an exciting welcome into the GW community for new families, a much-loved tradition for returning ones, and a nostalgic trip down memory lane for alumni celebrating reunions! Only at GW will you leave your weekend having reminisced on old memories and created many more to last a lifetime.











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FALL GUESTS & speakers

Set in the heart of the nation's capital, The George Washington University is the ideal venue for prominent politicians and other notable professionals to share their wealth of knowledge and talents. GW student organizations and academic departments worked tirelessly to pack the first semester full of unique opportunities for the diverse interests of the student body.

One of the most politically active campuses in America, GW hosted a variety of political speakers, activists, and experts. For their kickoff event, College Democrats brought gun control activist and March for Our Lives co-founder, David Hogg, to campus on October 5th. The conversation ranged from a personal testimony to a conversation with students. Another group on campus, Politics and Prose, brought in former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, who discussed her work in the Trump administration and her new memoir. Politics and Prose also co-hosted Hillary Clinton and her daughter Chelsea who discussed their newest publication, "The Book of Gutsy Women."

The School of Media and Public Affairs hosted a distinguished panel of political experts and journalists that discussed the 2020 election and impeachment inquiries. The panelists included:
Dana Bash, chief political correspondent at CNN; Chuck Todd, moderator and director at NBC and host at MSNBC; Steve Scully, senior executive producer, political editor and primary host at C-SPAN; Kevin Madden, former spokesman for Mitt Romney's presidential campaign; Karen Finney, former campaign advisor to Stacey Abrams and Hillary Clinton; and Kim Gross, associate professor and vice dean at GW.

Apart from politics, speakers and celebrities from a variety of other disciplines captivated GW students with a variety of other matters during the fall semester.

A favorite guest among students was rapper Kanye West. In a surprise visit to GW, West presented "Jesus is King: A Kanye West Experience," an exclusive preview of the rapper's upcoming album. During the Fifth Annual Diversity Summit, actress and singer MJ Rodriguez engaged attendees in critical and thoughtful dialogue regarding inclusion in modern America.

The Smith Center was filled was laughter on September 7th when the GW Program Board presented renowned comedians Michelle Wolf and Michael Che for their Second Annual Fall Comedy Show.

The first semester guests did not disappoint the student body in bringing fresh perspectives, inspiring stories, and unforgettable performances. It's safe to say that many students experienced #OnlyatGW moments in this fall.

Lauren Ofman founded The GW Local, a student life blog led entirely by GW students. They cover on-campus news, lifestyle, and academics with an emphasis on highlighting student and faculty accomplishments, sharing engaging stories, and providing light-hearted content to entertain the GW community. The GW Local calls itself "The Less Stressful Press" because its content is easy to read and focuses on a brighter side of GW life, while still paying attention to important, newsworthy events.

Lauren Ofman is from Los Angeles, CA and is majoring in Journalism and Mass Communication. She founded The GW Local at the beginning of this year, in addition to being a Student Admissions Representative and a Written Content Editor for the GW Fashion and Business Association's blog and magazine. She pitched the idea to one of her friends and they both agreed that this was something that needed to be done. In October, The GW Local became a registered student organization with a team of 10 talented writers (which is now close to 30), and published its website, Thegwlocal.com!

Prior to The GW Local, GW lacked a student life blog. Lauren felt that an essential mechanism to capture student life was missing and she knew that creating one would fill that gap. The most important element of The GW Local to her is its ability to be a platform for student voices and an outlet for students to express the things that matter most to them. It has become a community of empowered individuals who have the autonomy to share their voices in whatever style they want.

Lauren is curious to see which profession her multiple passions will lead her to after college. As of now, she has dreams to work in the Public Relations field for a large brand or to be a Staff Writer for a publication like Buzzfeed or Refinery 29. Founding and running The GW Local has proven to her the power of communication and making connections in her community. It has also reminded her not only of her love for writing, but marketing and social media as well. She hopes that whatever job she enters into after college will fuel her passion and drive like The GW Local has.

student spotlight
LAUREN OFMAN

FAMOUS alumni

JACKIE KENNEDY
CCAS BA '51

First Lady of the United States during the presidency of John F. Kennedy and widely considered as an international icon of style and culture.

JOHN FLAHERTY
CCAS BA '91

Television baseball broadcaster and former Major League Baseball player, Flaherty last played for the New York Yankees.

TED LERNE
CCAS AA '48 LA BL

Former principal ow
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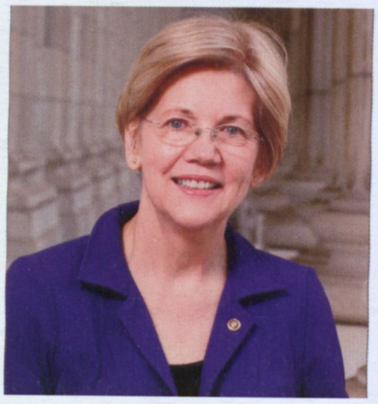
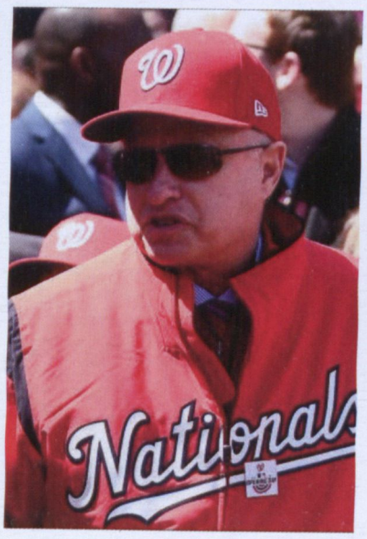
KERRY WASHINGTON
CCAS BA '98

An American actress famous for her lead role as Olivia Pope in the drama series Scandal.



ELIZABETH WARREN
US Senator from Massachusetts.



MARK LERNER
GWSB MBA '75

Principal owner of the Washington Nationals.

RANDY LEVINE
CCAS BA '77

President of the New
York Yankees baseba
club

ELANA MEYERS

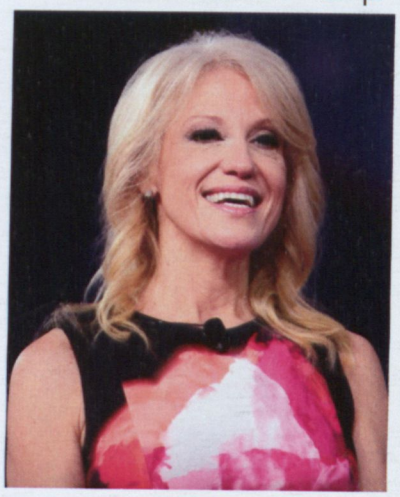
SPH BS '06 GWSB MTA '11

Former GW Softball team member and 2 time Olympic Medalist in the Women's Bobsled.

KELLYANNE CONWAY

LAW JD '92

White House Advisor to President Trump.



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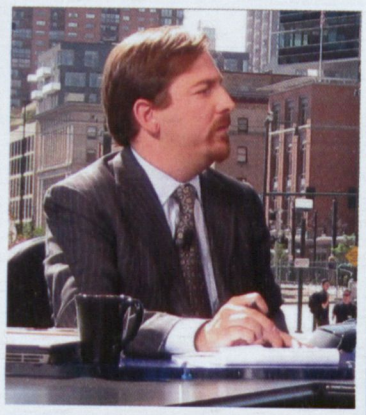
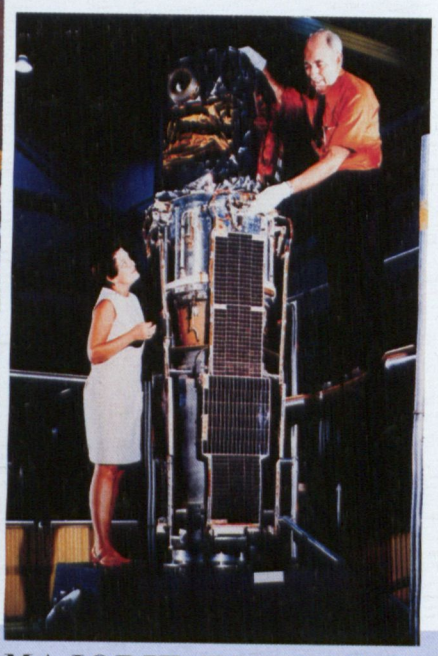
American television journalist and NBC News Chief White House Correspondent.





MAJORIE TOWNSEND

SEAS BS '51

The first woman to manage a US Space Launch.

DANA BASH

SMPA BA '93

Chief Political Correspondent for CNN.

DR. JOHN EDGARHOOVER

LAW JD '17 HON '35

The first director of the FBI.

LLOYD NEWTON

GWSB MPA '85

Retired United States Air Force four-star general, Newton served as Commander of Air Education and Training and was the first African American pilot to join the Thunderbirds, the Air Forces elite team.

nationals win the WORLD SERIES

On October 30th, 2019, the Washington Nationals won the World Series for the first time in 95 years— an unforgettable victory that GW students had the distinct delight of participating in. The historic victory itself was only the beginning of the festivities. Filled with passion and pride, GW students, among other fans, flooded the streets of D.C. to celebrate this monumental triumph. Though not all GW students at the parade were necessarily fans of the Nationals, they nonetheless participated in this groundbreaking moment in history among the more local fans. The sea of red was the hallmark of the parade as the many gleeful supporters demonstrated their unity and coalition by representing their team's gear. GW students in the spirited crowd roared with chants that captured the joyful atmosphere. A growing chorus of "Let's Go Nats" thundered from the crowd as air horns sounded. Amidst the celebration was a more emotional aspect to the parade as players gave heartfelt speeches that resonated with the group who recognized the once in a lifetime moment. The event was a truly unifying experience for students at GW and D.C. residents alike as each person participated equally in the sheer joy and excitement of this consequential achievement— a truly only at GW moment.

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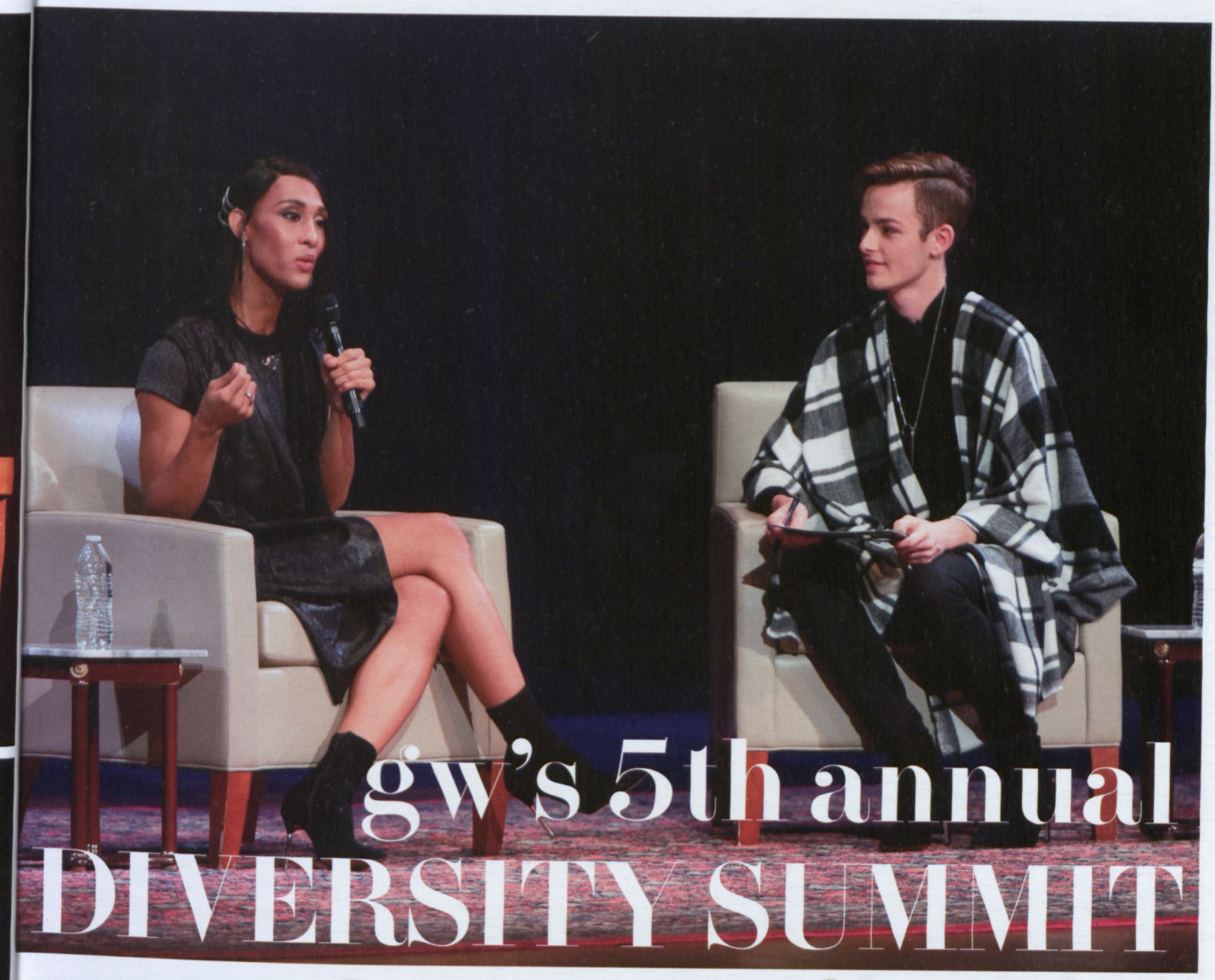


gw's 5th annual DIVERSITY SUMMIT

The Office for Diversity, Equity, and Community Engagement presented the 5th Annual Diversity Summit, Be Bold: Learning. Unlearning. Relearning, on Nov. 7 and 8. The annual summit creates a space for students and attendees to have critical conversations about how we understand ourselves and diversity around us. The conference featured workshops, lectures, panels, and poster presentations for all with an open mind.

Headlined by Afro-Latina actress, singer, and star of FX's series Pose, MJ Rodriquez. Pose features the largest cast of transgender and LGBTQ actors ever for a scripted series, so needless to say, Rodriquez had gathered quite the following. In fact, approximately 850 people attended her keynote speech. The star and activist aimed to inspire and energize the students, whether they struggled with their identity or not.

Faculty at GW and partnering universities in relevant fields presented on a variety of diversity-related topics, including race and racism, bias, sexuality and gender, and religion, faith, spirituality, and beliefs. These professionals led workshops such as "Identity 101: A Beginner's Guide to Diversity, Inclusion in Action, and Self-Reflection" and "A GameStop: A Look Into the Relationships with Video Games and Gender."

The Diversity Summit has become a cornerstone of GW's efforts to support marginalized groups and create the space for meaningful dialogue. This year, the summit did just that. Attendees left the two-day summit feeling equipped to tackle the tough questions, defend the marginalized, and hopeful for the future of the university.

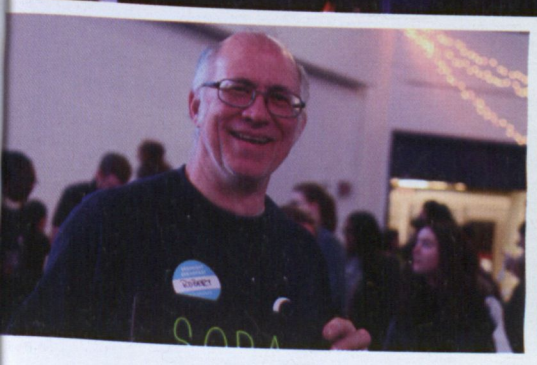
MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST

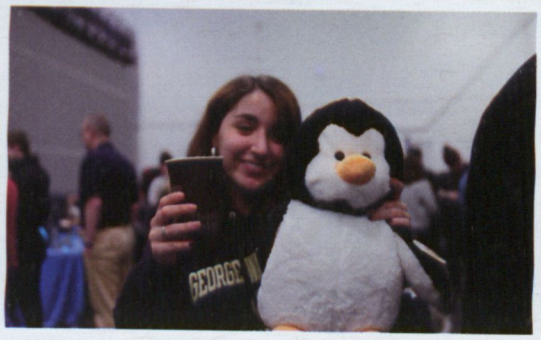
GW has many beloved campus traditions, and the annual Midnight Breakfast is one of them. Midnight Breakfast takes place each year during one of the most stressful times for students - finals week of the fall semester! This year, it happened in the Charles E. Smith center and included many options for students to de-stress and relax before the rush of final exams.

True to its name, Midnight Breakfast was held between 10:30 P.M. and 12:30 A.M. Students who were up late studying for tests were able to take a break and enjoy one of the things all colleg students love most: free food! University staff and food catering services provided waffles, pancakes, cotton cand noodles, burritos, donuts, bagels, coffee and more. Attendees had the option to enjoy the inflated slides and iglo which were stationed around the gym floor. The first students through the door were also given the bonus prize of free Midnight Breakfast t-shirt!

One of the most popular Midnight Breakfast activities was Build-a-Study-Buddy, which was coordinated by th GW Program Board student organization. At this station, students chose from a wide array of different stuffe animals and were able to stuff their own to take home. Some options included teddy bears, hippos, penguins, an dragons!

Midnight Breakfast is a great example of a school tradition that brings the campus community together each yea and GW students look forward to it each year!





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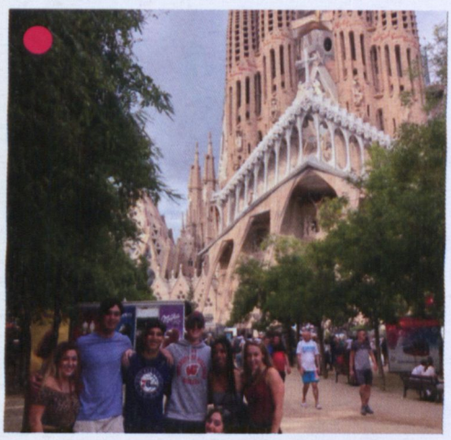
Barcelona, Spain



"Studying abroad in Barcelona was one of the best experiences I've ever had. I loved meeting so many new people and being able to travel to so many new places."

JONATHAN PERLMUTTER

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

"The hikes and the views in New Zealand are absolutely stunning, my favorite thing I've done so far was hiking the Paekakariki Escarpment Trail which is on the Kapiti Coast about 45 minutes by rail from Wellington. The hike is on the edge of a cliff and features rope bridges, stairs, and even some surprise sheep."

professor spotlight
MAGGIE CHEN

Professor Maggie Chen has been teaching for 15 years! As a member of the Economics Department and the Elliott School of International Affairs, she has been teaching international trade at undergraduate, masters and Ph.D. levels. Even though Professor Chen always loved teaching, she didn't know she wanted to pursue an academic career until she was almost done with graduate school and about to head to the job market. Her professors inspired her to give this path a try and she's really glad she did.

Professor Chen had wanted to study international economics since high school. Globalization was really taking off at that time and she found the phenomenon of fast-growing cross-border trade and investment really fascinating, so she wanted to learn more and become involved in this field in the future. It turns out she was right - international trade never gets dull, especially these days!

Professor Chen's favorite thing about teaching at GW is the students. Over the years, she has been truly impressed by her students' passion and knowledge about international economic issues. She enjoys sharing what she knows and hearing what they think. They have definitely made her teaching experience at GW fun and rewarding!

Professor Chen is currently working on a variety of research projects at the intersection of trade, institutions, and development. These include, for example, a randomized survey experiment that assesses the role of exposure to information in shaping people's views about globalization and preferences for economic policy, a project evaluating search and information frictions in online international trade, and a historical research paper using firm and employee data from 1870-1940 to examine the role of modern institutions in firm and industrial growth during Shanghai's concession era. All of them have been extremely exciting to work on and complement her passion for academics.

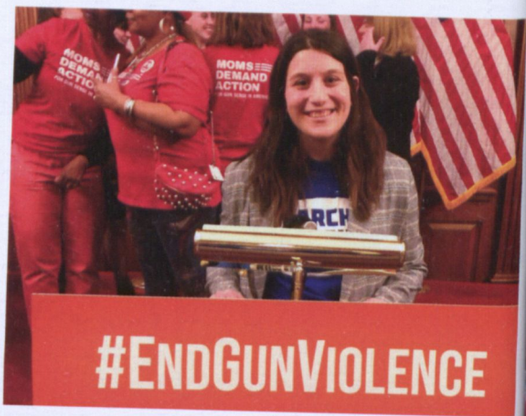
DC POLITICS & protests

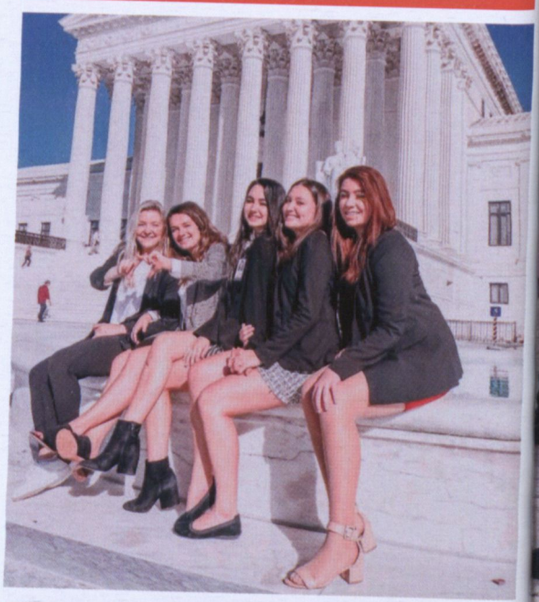
Given our location in the heart of the nation's capital, it is no surprise that GW has a strong political climate on campus. Many of our students are activists and come together to follow politics, and political events throughout the year. The Foggy Bottom campus is also a frequent home to protests for many different issues.

2020 is no doubt an important year for politics and GW students were eager to get involved throughout the school year, both on and off campus. In September, there were large protests at the White House calling for climate justice. The incredible Greta Thunberg, who spoke at GW for an Amnesty International awards ceremony this fall, was in attendance to spread her message. Many students participated between classes and their voices were heard.

This winter, the fourth annual Women's March took place on Constitution Avenue. The Women's March has been a strong movement each year since President Trump's inauguration in 2017, and thousands of people continue to show up and speak out for women's rights.

On campus, political student organizations and student groups formed to support candidates in the 2020 presidential race, such as GW For Pete and GW For Bernie. Students attended campaign rallies, canvassed for candidates, and organized watch parties for debates. Although most of us have not been on campus for the most recent developments in the path to the upcoming election, GW students are undoubtedly continuing their activism and political participation from their hometowns.





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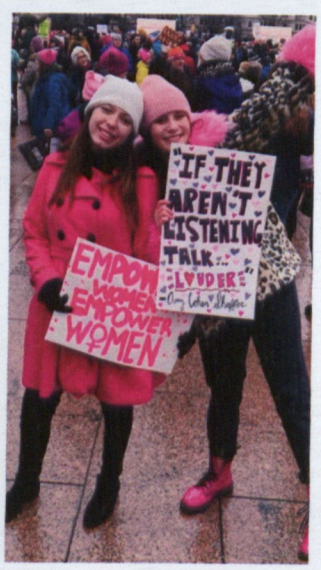
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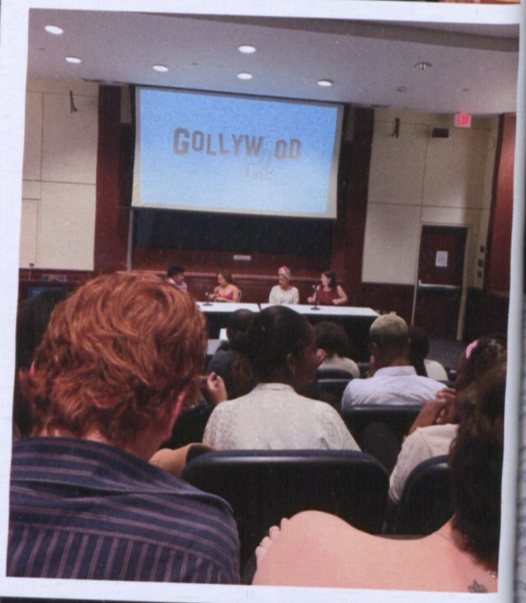
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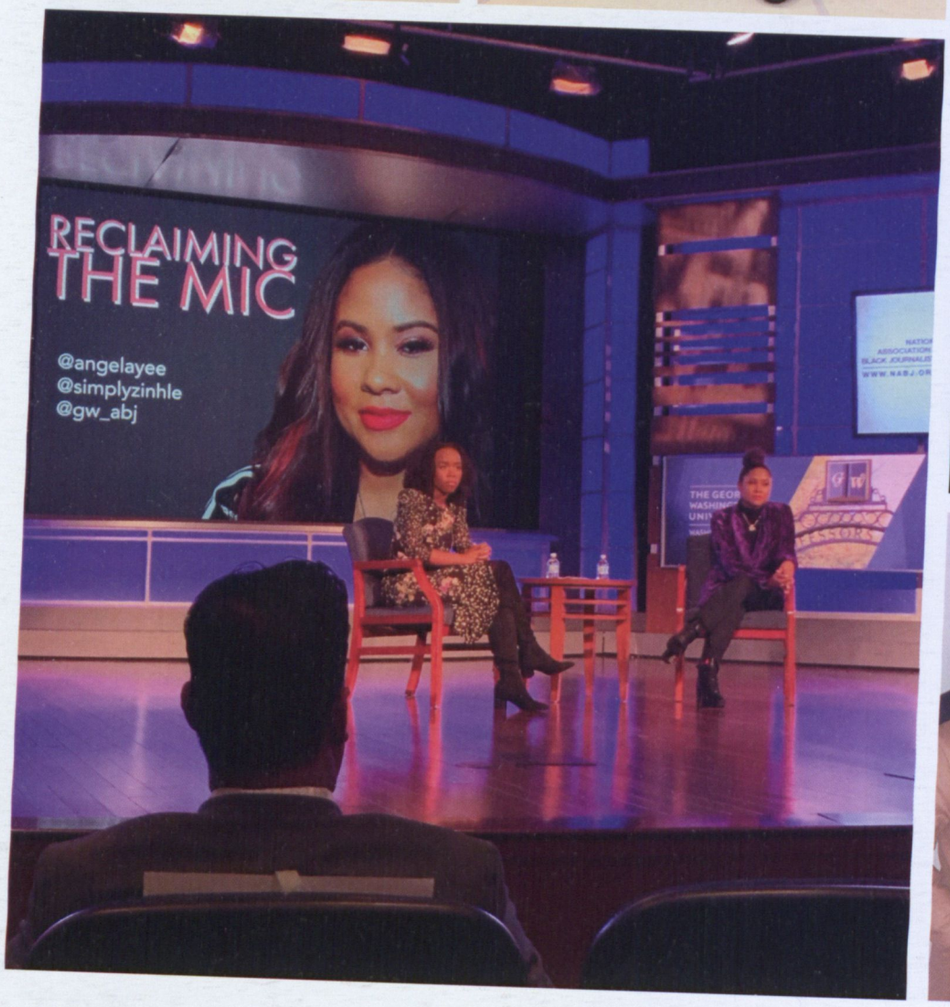
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BLACK HERITAGE month

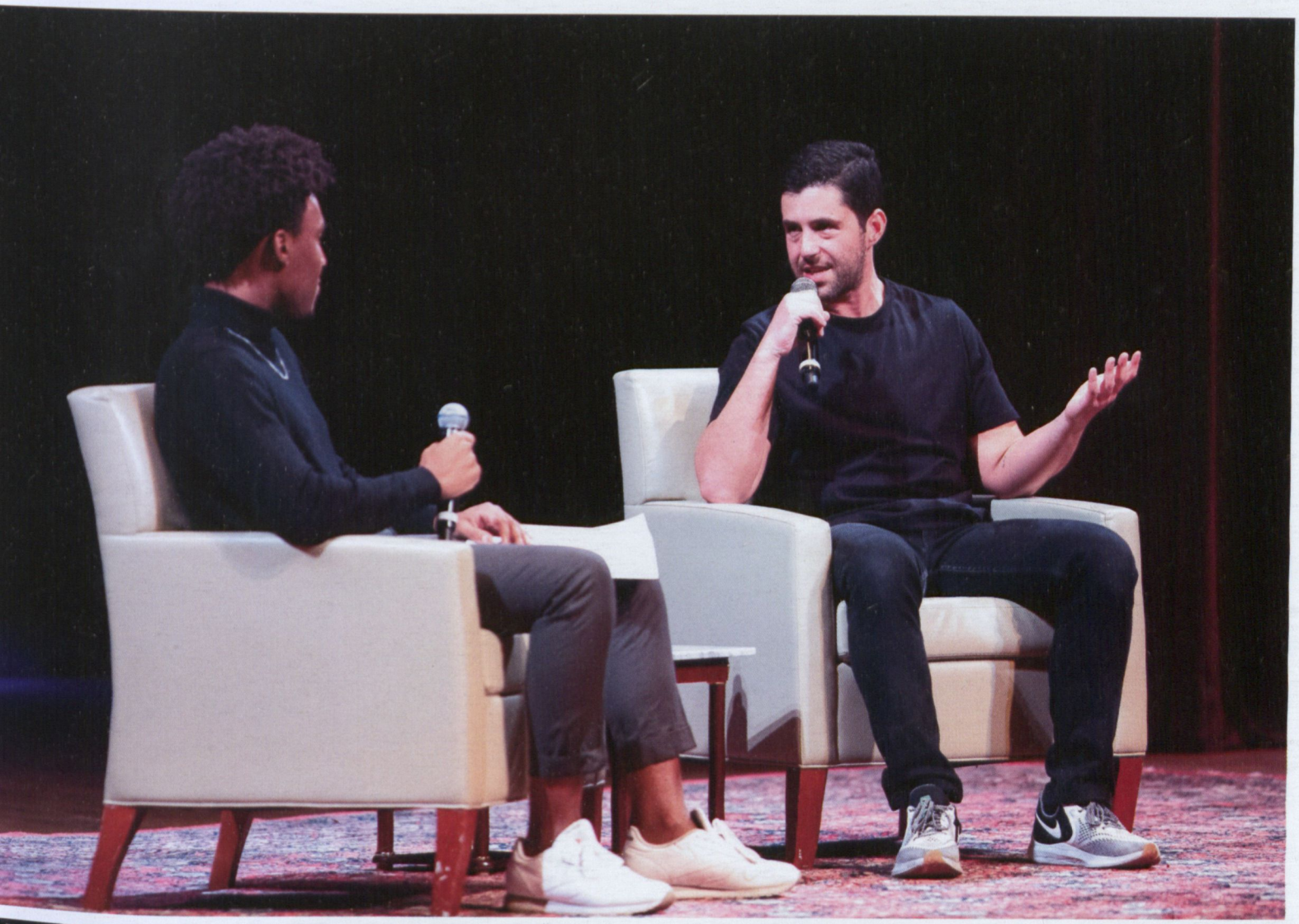
This February went down as a very successful celebration of Black History Month on The George Washington University's campus. Through the Multicultural Student Services Center, the Black Heritage Celebration Committee put on a month's worth of events centered on valuing black students and black community members of GW. With keynote speakers who spoke of topics such as black business, and centering the spirit with the body, there were dozens of events for students to attend. Nearly every night of February there was an event celebrating Black Excellence, both on campus and in the world. On the 28th The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Step Show took place in Lisner Auditorium, with every seat of the building filled. Both GW and local chapters of the Divine Nine Sororities and Fraternities performed. The show showcased stepping; a traditional style of dance commonly practiced in the black community. For the Divine Nine their strolls and chants set them apart from each other, and the Step Show was a place for each chapter to partake in their traditions with the aspect of friendly competition. The Black Heritage Celebration was concluded on February 29th, with the now-annual celebration of Finale. The huge celebration is for black students and others to dress up and attend an exiting event centered on the end of Black History Month. Black History Month on campus was concluded in a fun filled event, with hundreds of students showing up to the sold out event. With a celebration as well put together as this year's, it's exciting to think of the prospect of next year's celebration.

SPRING GUESTS & speakers

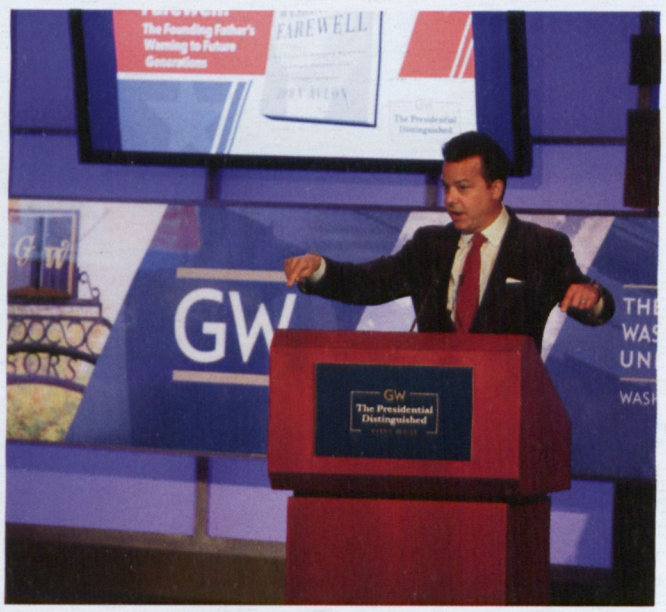
Former Nickelodeon star and current social media sensation, Josh Peck, took students back in time as he talked about his time on the television series Drake & Josh and moving on from being a child star. Organized by GW Class Council and GW Program Board, Peck was hosted in Lisner Auditorium for a moderated conversation with GW-based YouTuber Rumi "Imurgency" Robinson. They discussed the creative and career freedom that comes with taking a nontraditional route to fame. Following an entertaining and enlightening conversation, students were given the opportunity to ask Peck questions and a few lucky attendees even got to meet the star.

The University knew that they had to bring in someone special for their fourth speaker in the Presidential Distinguished Event Series, and senior political analyst and anchor at CNN, John Avlon, is nothing short of amazing. Avalon joined GW students and faculty in the Jack Morton Auditorium for a lecture, Q&A session, and post-reception hors d'oeuvres. Avalon discussed his recently published book, Washington's Farewell: The Founding Father's Warning to Future Generations, and pointed out the ways in which the farewell address of the University's namesake is still relevant in 21st century American politics. He encouraged students to consider how the principles in the famous address could be extended to future generations of Americans.

The Office for Diversity, Equity, and Community Engagement invited students to attend the inaugural Race in America Lecture Series, featuring a fireside chat with Raymond Santana. Members of the so-called "The Exonerated Five," Santana and the group have committed their lives to advocating and educating people on the fallacies of the criminal justice system in America. A story popularized by the Netflix series, "When They See Us," many students recognized Santana's name and flooded the auditorium to hear his testimony. Santana discussed life after his wrongful imprisonment as a father, member of the New York City Justice League, and owner of the Park Madison NYC clothing company.



Reclaiming the Great World House:
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Vision for Life Center, Global Heritage Center, & Leadership
Dr. Vicki Crawford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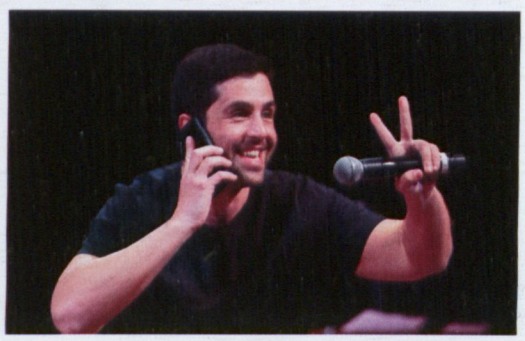

the annual GW GALA

The annual GW Gala, hosted by the Program Board and Student Affairs office, is one of the most popular events. Often selling out of tickets shortly after they are released, this year's Gala was no exception; attendees were excited to dance another night away. In years past, the gala had been hosted at beautiful and prestigious D.C. locations like the French Embassy. Needless to say, the Program Board has had high expectations to fulfill.

Attendees packed into cars with long dresses and freshly pressed tuxedos to grab a bite to eat at one of the local restaurants. After fueling up, hundreds of GW students and alumni flooded the National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum for a fun evening of dancing, dessert, and live music. The dance floor was in Kogod Courtyard, enclosed with its elegant glass canopy, but attendees were welcome to venture into the galleries where they could pose for pictures and appreciate the art.

The Program Board even organized a glam event for attendees before the big event. On the day of the gala, the dance studio in District House served as a salon where all students were invited to schedule appointments with the local makeup artists, hair stylists, and nail technicians. A number of students jumped at this opportunity to get dolled up for a reasonable price.

When the music stopped and the dance floor became bare, students and alumni made their way down the gallery steps with smiles on their faces, a skip in their step, and excitement for next year's gala.

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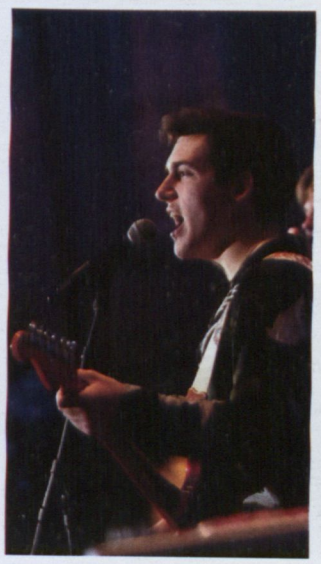

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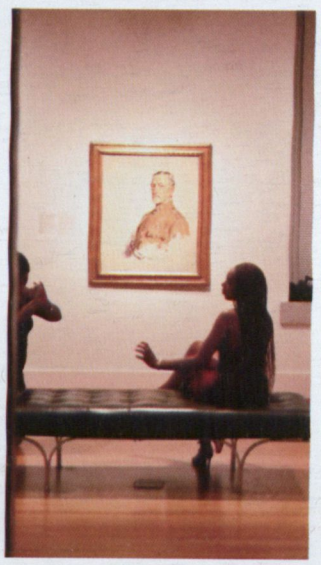

professor spotlight
ELISE FRIEDLAND

Professor Elise A. Friedland, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Classics and Art History in the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and has been teaching for 22 years and has been at GW since 2008. Professor Friedland teaches Greek, Roman, Egyptian, and Near Eastern art and archaeology and Latin in the Program in Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (CANES), which is in CNELC (Department of Classical and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations). In addition to surveys of Roman art, Greek art, and Egyptian/Near Eastern art, some of her favorite topics in classes that she has developed at GW include "Greece & Rome in the Art and Architecture of DC," "Art and Archaeology of Pompeii," and Vergil's Aeneid (in Latin!).

Professor Friedland always adored her teachers; teaching is a way of giving back to all of the people who worked so hard to educate her, both academically and personally. In addition, she was heavily involved in theater and dance in high school, but not talented enough to go on professionally in those fields. SO, her stage is her classroom, where she also gets to explore the power and role of images in the past—and how those images get adopted and adapted by subsequent societies for their own aesthetic, religious, political, and social purposes. Finally, she loves working one-on-one with students and connecting them with opportunities that will enable them to find their own passions and careers!

Professor Friedland became interested in Latin thanks to Ms. Hillary Hughes, her high school Latin teacher; then during her undergraduate study of Classics at Williams College, her Greek professor, Dr. John Stambaugh, sent her to study abroad at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, where she met a woman, Dr. Liane Houghtalin, who was conducting art historical research on Roman reliefs in Turkey! She demonstrated to Professor Friedland that a woman could roam around ancient, archaeological sites, and conduct research on objects!

Professor Friedland has three favorite things about teaching at GW: 1) the engaged, incredibly bright, go-getter students; 2) her colleagues; and 3) teaching in DC!!!! Teaching at GW is different than teaching at other universities because of our location in the nation's capital—even though Professor Friedland studies the past, there are echoes of the impact of the past ALL AROUND US in DC, and she loves studying and teaching about how and why the urban plan of DC is based on Roman town planning. The sculptures on the facade and interior of Union Station are based on Roman statues from the Arch of Constantine in Rome, and the Lincoln Memorial is modelled after the Parthenon in Athens, complete with an American version of a "cult" statue!

Professor Friedland is currently working on two major research projects: one is to study and publish over 200 marble statues discovered at the major Roman and Byzantine city of Scythopolis (today Beth Shean) in Israel; the second is a book called Classical Washington: Greece & Rome in the Art & Architecture of DC, for which she is studying various classical echoes in the art and architecture of DC. As part of that project, Professor Friedland has studied a painted room in the US Capitol that was completed in 1858, but done largely in the Pompeian style. She has also served as a curator for special exhibitions at the University of Michigan's Kelsey Museum of Archaeology and for two archaeological site museums, one in Lamta, Tunisia (the ancient site of Lepti Minus) and another at Tzippori (ancient Sepphoris) in Israel.

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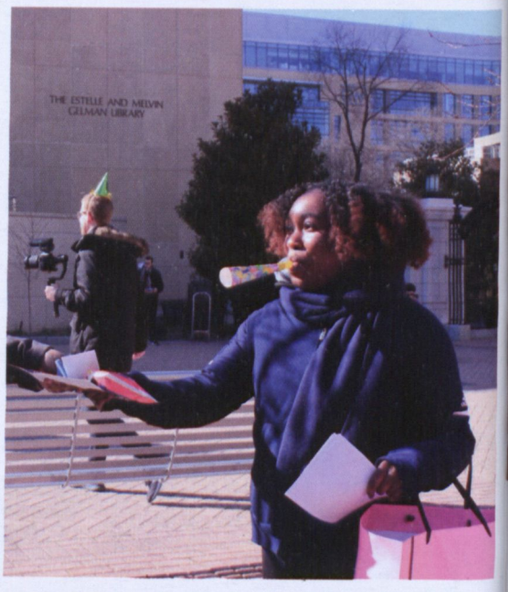
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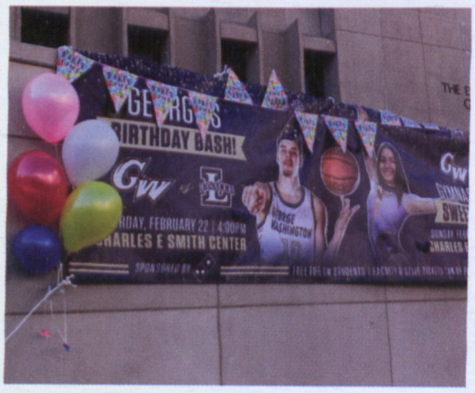

BIRTHDAY BASH!
CHARLES E SMITH CENTER

george washington's BIRTHDAY

On the weekend of our namesake's birthday, February 22nd, students and the GW community celebrated George Washington with many festivities. The party began on Friday afternoon with a gathering in Kogan Plaza, at the center of campus. Students were given free cupcakes from Georgetown Cupcakes, specially decorated with George's face! Other party favors included a bag of birthday goodies. There were also giveaways and contests for students to earn a variety of prizes. Our incredible pep band, Colonial Brass, played music for the guests which could be heard throughout campus. It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon, and a great way to celebrate George and our school community!

The celebration continued into Saturday with the Men's Basketball game. The team faced off against LaSalle University, one of our A-10 rivals, at home in the Smith Center. Attendance at the game was high, along with the tailgate and party in Potomac Square before it began! This year, our Potomac Square tailgate was complete with free vouchers to the wide assortment of food trucks. George's birthday bash game unfortunately ended in defeat, but the feeling of GW spirit in the Smith Center was palpable. The first student attendees at the game were lucky enough to grab custom t-shirts celebrating George's birthday. More free food and a birthday cake were also available for GW fans.

On Sunday, the GW community rallied around our Gymnastics team for its Sweet Meet, continuing the birthday celebrations. The talented gymnasts competed against NC State University, Northern Illinois University, and Temple University. The first 200 GW fans were awarded free t-shirts, and fans were also able to purchase their favorite Girl Scout cookies outside of the game!

Overall, George Washington's birthday weekend was well celebrated by the GW community. All events were a great representation of the unity, dedication, and school spirit of our student body! We look forward to celebrating this GW holiday again next year.

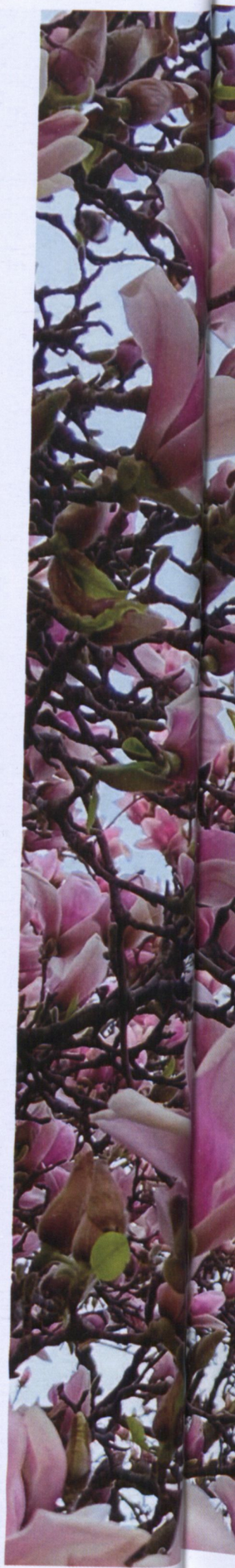
CHERRY BLOSSOM season in DC

Cherry Blossom season is a highly anticipated time of year where GW students emerge from their dorms and tourists fly in from all over the world to enjoy DC's beautiful blooms. Despite blue skies and warm spring weather, The National Cherry Blossom Festival had to cancel its events in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

After discussion with the D.C. government, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization, Mayor Muriel Bowser declared a state of emergency in the District on March 11. Shortly after, festival organizers convened and decided to cancel and postpone their spring events. Originally scheduled to take place from March 20 to April 12, activities were cancelled, postponed, and some even moved online to take place via live stream. Although tourists, DMV residents, and GW students were disappointed that they wouldn't be able to see the cherry blossoms bloom, many understood that health and safety had to come first.

Some students still managed to catch a glimpse of the beautiful blossoms before campus was closed, and even snapped a few photos for folks back home. Many Thurston Hall residents made their way to neighboring Walt Whitman Park and basked in the pink petals before they would return to their hometowns for the year.

Students left Foggy Bottom knowing that the Cherry Blossoms wouldn't be there when they returned to campus in August, but hopeful that the National Mall would once again be scattered with the famed trees next spring.



student spotlight
OWEN VACHERON

Owen Vacheron, an American Studies major from Foxborough, MA, has spent a lot of his time at GW as a radio show host and board member at WRGW District Radio! This past year, he served as the station's General Manager.

During Owen's first year at GW, a friend invited him to co-host a talk show with her at WRGW. At the time, he had no idea that GW even had a radio station (which he has found to be the usual reaction among folks at GW). But as he got more involved hosting shows, and working as a board member, he began to realize that the roots of this organization ran very deep, and quickly discovered a large community of kind, compassionate, and wildly creative people.

For Owen, the radio station's importance stems not just from its student community, but also its rich history. The station celebrated its 90th anniversary this past year, and having had the opportunity to be a part of the station during such a momentous occasion really showcased the impact that WRGW has had on the lives of its station members, both past and present. For all this time, the station has consistently been a home for students looking to showcase their talents, and speak directly to the GW community.

Owen believes that whatever it is that you're doing after graduation, most likely, won't be the same as what you're doing when you turn 30, or even 40. Having invested so much time in college radio, he would like to think that after college he would be broadcasting professionally in some capacity. However, he also understands that it's important not to limit himself!

Owen will be a senior next year, and will be stepping down as General Manager, but he knows that WRGW will continue to do great things under the leadership of its new GM, Pooji Jonnavithula. It's Owen's hope for WRGW that it will continue to be a foundational part of the GW experience, all while giving students on campus the platform to make their voices heard.

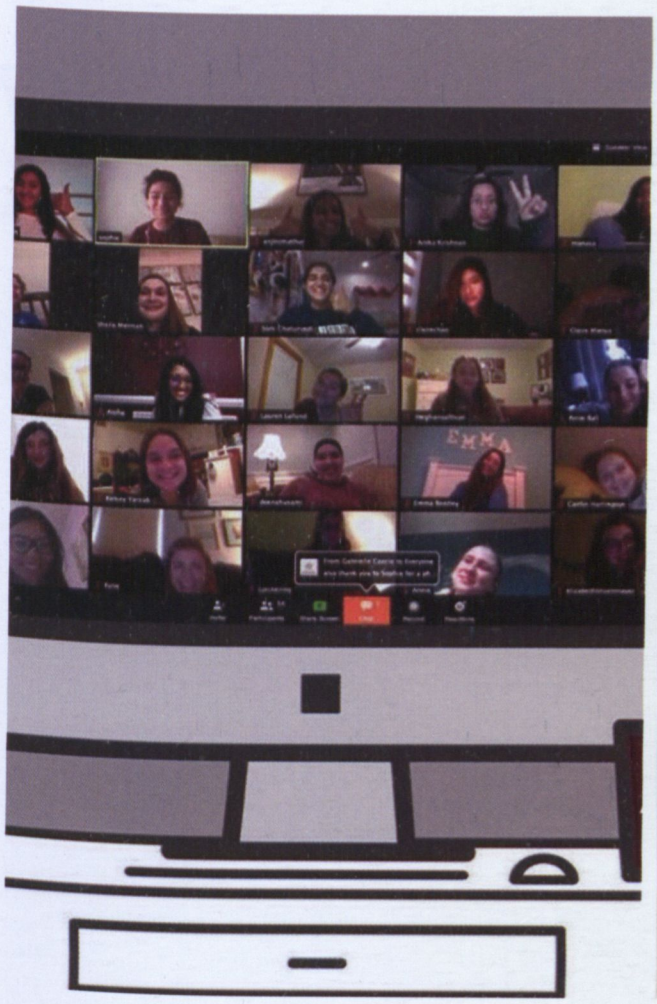
Owen's favorite GW memory so far (which is totally unrelated to WRGW) was when Josh Peck came to campus.

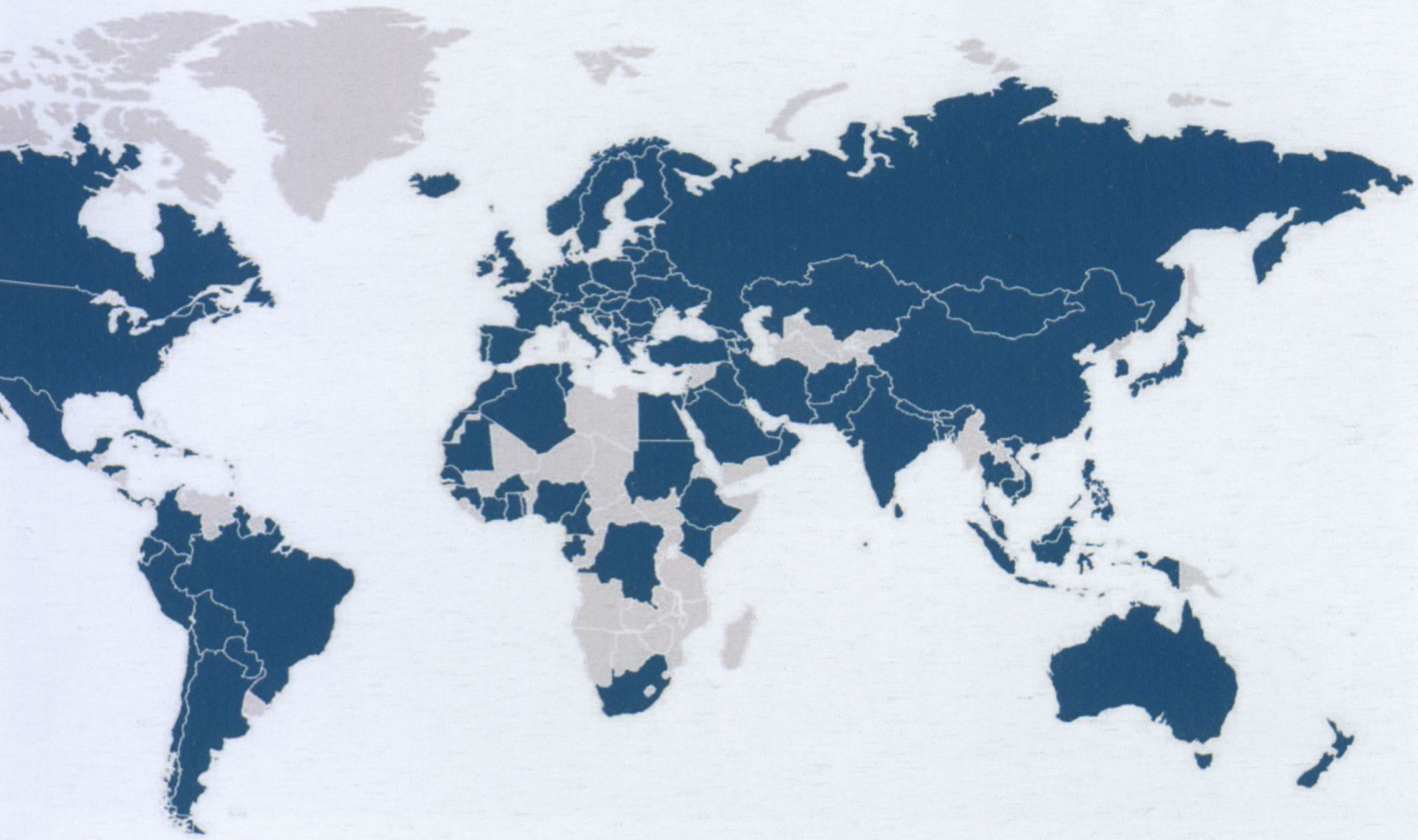
WRGW

GW student's experience with CORONAVIRUS

As the virus spread and government officials rolled-out public health procedures, University officials proceeded with caution. Just before Spring Break, GW officials advised students to pack any essential items with them in the case that return to campus would be delayed due to the public health crisis. As they made their way home for spring break, many students left Foggy Bottom with a sinking feeling that they would not return to campus. Some dared to pack up their belongings, a few even moved out entirely, but for the majority of students, their possessions would be packed up and stored.

As the world shut down, students continued their courses online, athletes faced an abrupt end to their spring season, and Foggy Bottom became more quiet than usual. No students were left to gather in Kogan Plaza, the lines at Starbucks had never been shorter, and the cherry blossoms bloomed with nobody to see. In a matter of days, George Washington University had satellite campuses worldwide; students listened to lectures on couches and took tests at kitchen tables. As the situation developed, students learned that they would not return to campus for the remainder of the spring semester. Seniors graduated virtually, and incoming freshmen are now facing uncertainty as they approach their first year of college.





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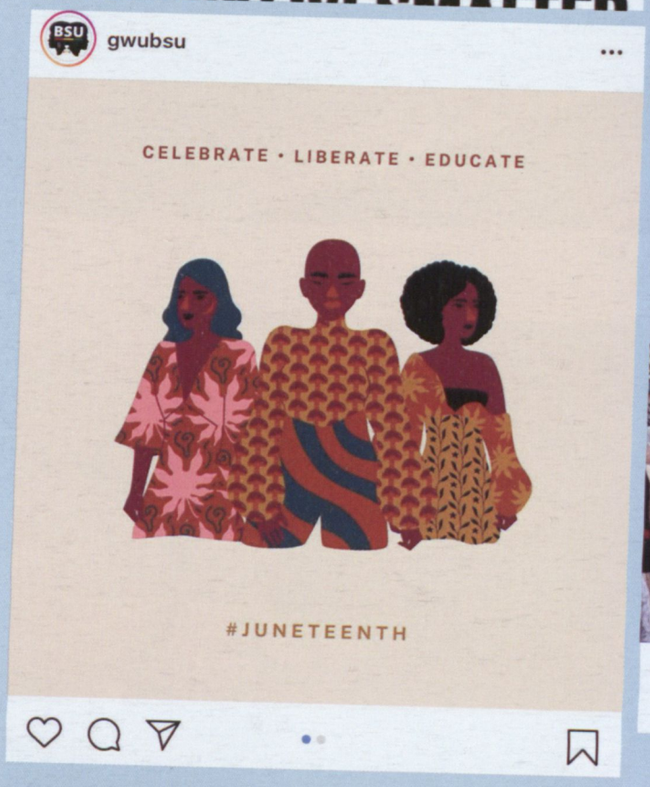

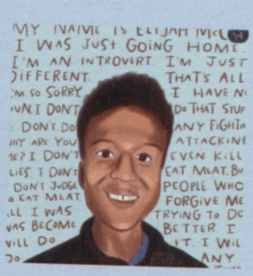

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In the midst of the COVID-19 quarantine, a wave of disgust and frustration came over the country and the world in response to the brutal killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmed Arbery and countless more. The Black Lives Matter movement rose across the country, as protests and marches were held in large cities, small towns and everything in between: every single state in the United States has held protests. Masked in-person protests were supported by a massive online participation in support of the #BLM movement. Organizations across GW's campus supported the fight against systemic racism in a myriad of ways; some raising awareness through their social media accounts, some raising money to donate to the movement: the GW community supported the GW Black Student Union's "Community Fund Bingo" by raising an incredible near $10,000 that was donated to Black Lives Matter DC, National Bail Fund Network and Freedom Fighters DC.

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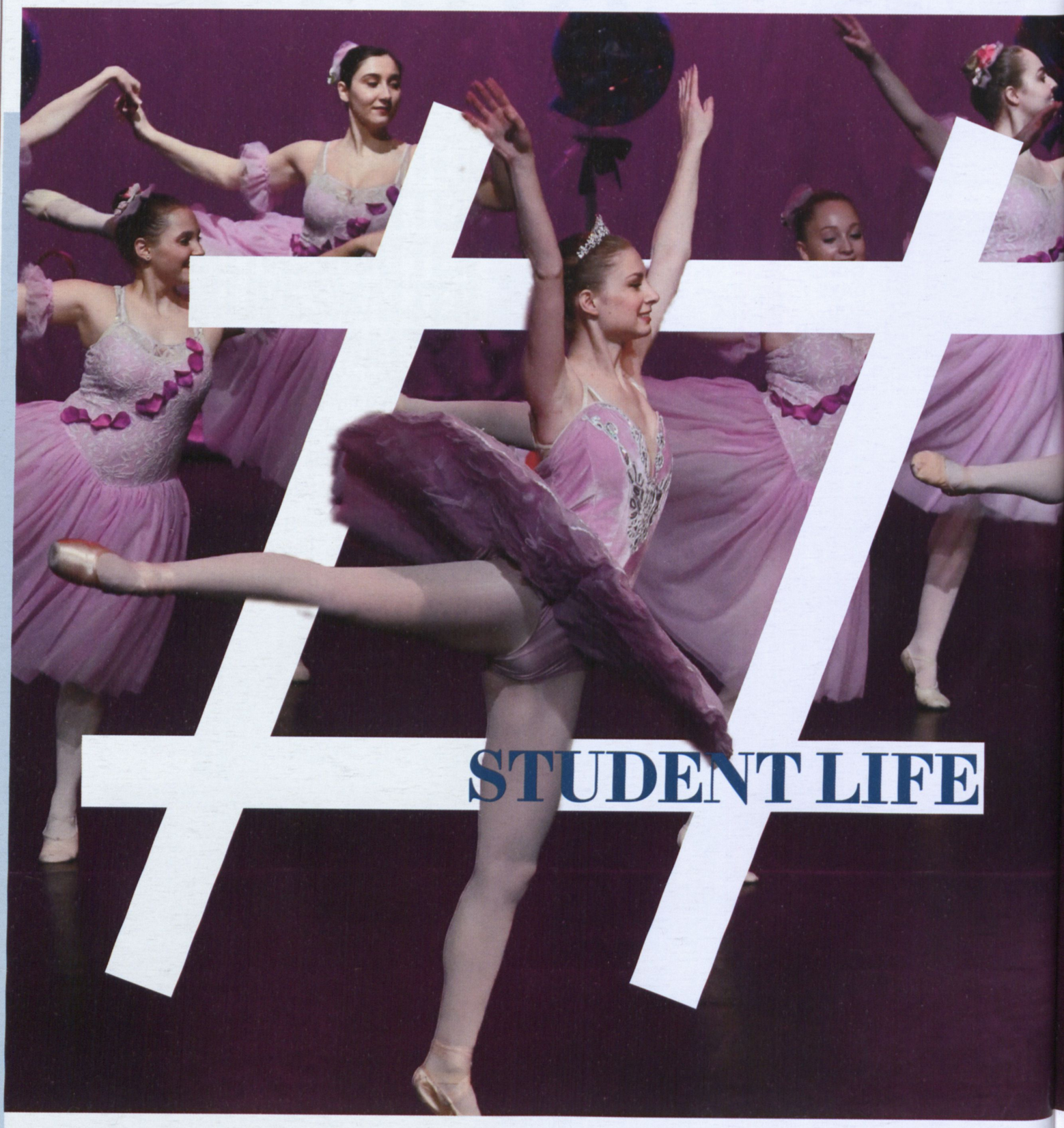

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Sitting just three miles from Foggy Bottom is George Washington University's lesser known Mount Vernon Campus. Affectionately known as "The Vern," students seek refuge and comfort in the lush landscapes that the rural campus has to offer. The Vern is perfect for students who want the amenities and hustle of the city, but prefer a more typical college campus. The Vern houses GW's solo dining hall (Pelham Commons), the Higher Grounds cafe, Eckles Library, and many of the university's athletic facilities. Among these are the tennis courts, the outdoor pool, and the fields for soccer, lacrosse, and softball. Needless to say, there is plenty of green space on the other side of the bridge.

Across the Potomac and situated in the Foxhall neighborhood of D.C., students take the Vern Express shuttle, colloquially called "The Vex" by GW students. Vex rides are typically 15 minutes, but have been known to take an hour in DC rush hour traffic. The short and sweet rides are a daily journey for those that live on The Vern. Hosting a growing number of living and learning communities and suite-style dorms, many students feel closest to home on The Vern. The limited number of students living here makes it easy for close friendships to be forged in the community atmosphere that the campus offers.

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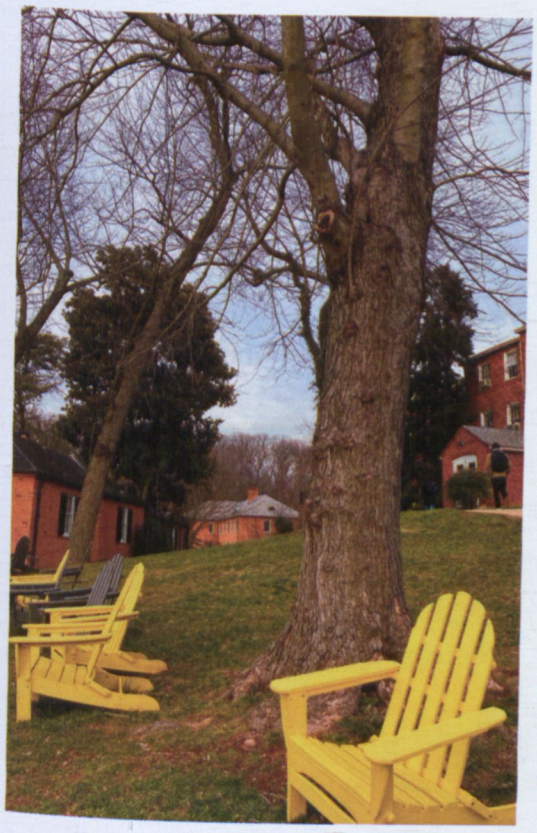


Seven academic programs are held at the Mount Vernon campus, among which is the University Writing (UW 1020) course required for all first-year students. UW exposes all freshmen to the beautiful academic facilities that the remote location offers and even convinces some to try out Vern-living at some point in their time at GW.

The Vern plays host to a number of colonial events throughout the year including the Vern Harvest, held during Colonials Weekend and offering everything from pumpkins and hot cider to lawn games and a farmers market. The campus' signature event, Fountain Day, takes place each year in April and is kicked off by turning on the fountain in the quad. As cherry blossoms bloom and tourism surges, springtime becomes a key piece of culture in the District, and the feelings of hope and excitement are echoed on the Mount Vernon Campus.

student spotlight
SARAH ABENNET

Program Board throws school-wide fun events in hopes to build school spirit and cultivate a sense of community. Sarah Abennet, a Marketing and International Business major from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, got involved in PB after attending Spring Fling freshman year. She knew she wanted to be a part of organizing events like Spring Fling so she applied at the end of her Sophomore year for the position of a marketing assistant. Currently, she is the Director of Marketing and Creative Services. Her favorite part about her position is getting students excited for events that she knows they will enjoy. A large part of her desire to join was that she felt like PB could have done better at getting more people to hear about its events, so it's been rewarding to see how much it has improved. Also, seeing the final product of PB's events is always exciting.

Program Board is very important to Sarah because ever since she stepped on campus, all she heard about GW students is that they have no sense of school spirit, which was disappointing. This encouraged her to try to make more memorable experiences, which PB events have helped her to accomplish. Her favorite memory from PB are the retreats (Axe throwing and Pinstripes) as it is always fun spending time with each other outside of the Board's weekly meetings.

After college, she hopes to move to LA and work for a year or two in a marketing position in either the entertainment or fashion industry before pursuing her masters degree. entertainment acts.

Her involvement in PB definitely played a large role in her desire to pursue work in the entertainment industry as she enjoyed organizing the marketing for GW's

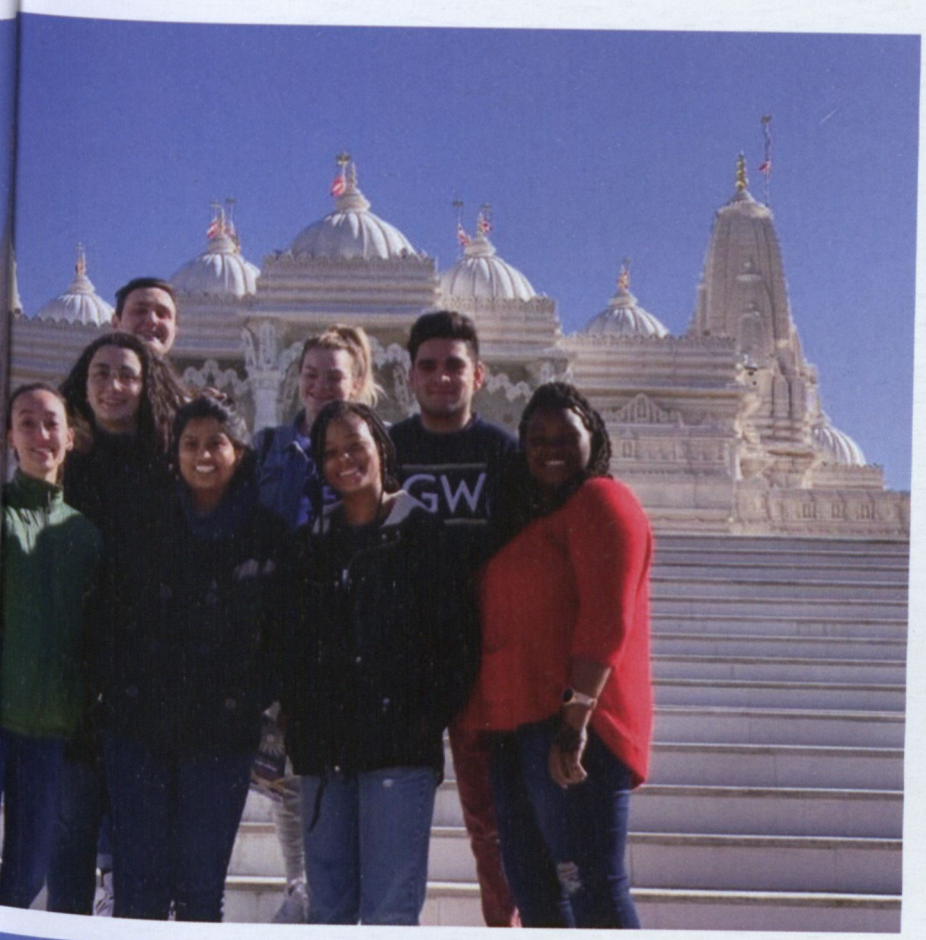
'PB has grown so much in the 2 years Sarah has been a part of it and she anticipates it will continue to grow. She had planned some amazing events GW has never done but due to COVID-19 had to cancel them. She hopes to see the following boards execute them. PB will gradually throw bigger events and she can see it playing a large part in GW's transition to being an institution with a lot of school spirit.

alternative BREAKS

School breaks for many GW students mean going back to our hometowns, visiting friends and family, or staying on campus and exploring DC. For students who want to do something a little different with their time off, GW Alternative Breaks is the perfect option! Alternative Breaks is a student-run organization that plans community service-learning trips to many locations across the country and the world, from at home in DC to all the way in Mexico and Puerto Rico.

This school year, the group fundraised for and organized six trips, with one for fall break and five during our winter break. In October, participants explored hunger and homelessness in DC, making a direct impact on our own community. In January, Alternative Breaks participants traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to aid local refugee communities. Some traveled to El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico to participate in a border immersion program and learn about immigration; others visited Immokalee, Florida to advocate for the rights of migrant workers and learn about working conditions and practices of farm labor.

Although the spring Alternative Breaks trips were unable to take place due to the global pandemic, we are sure that there will be more incredible opportunities to engage in community service with this group in the coming semesters! Students who want to learn more about community service, help those in need, and develop skills in a variety of areas while having fun and meeting their peers are well-suited to Alternative Breaks. Trip spots are given to students who apply and exhibit strong interest, and availability is limited due to the high demand for these life-changing experiences!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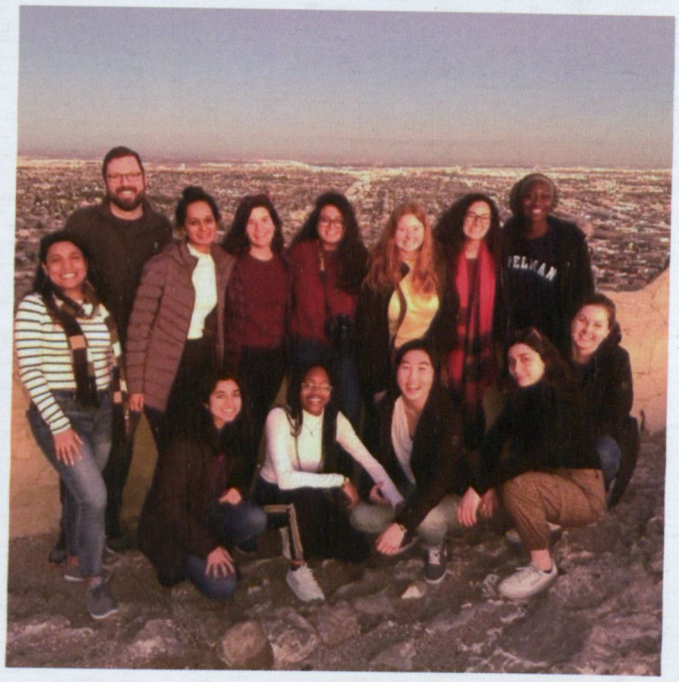


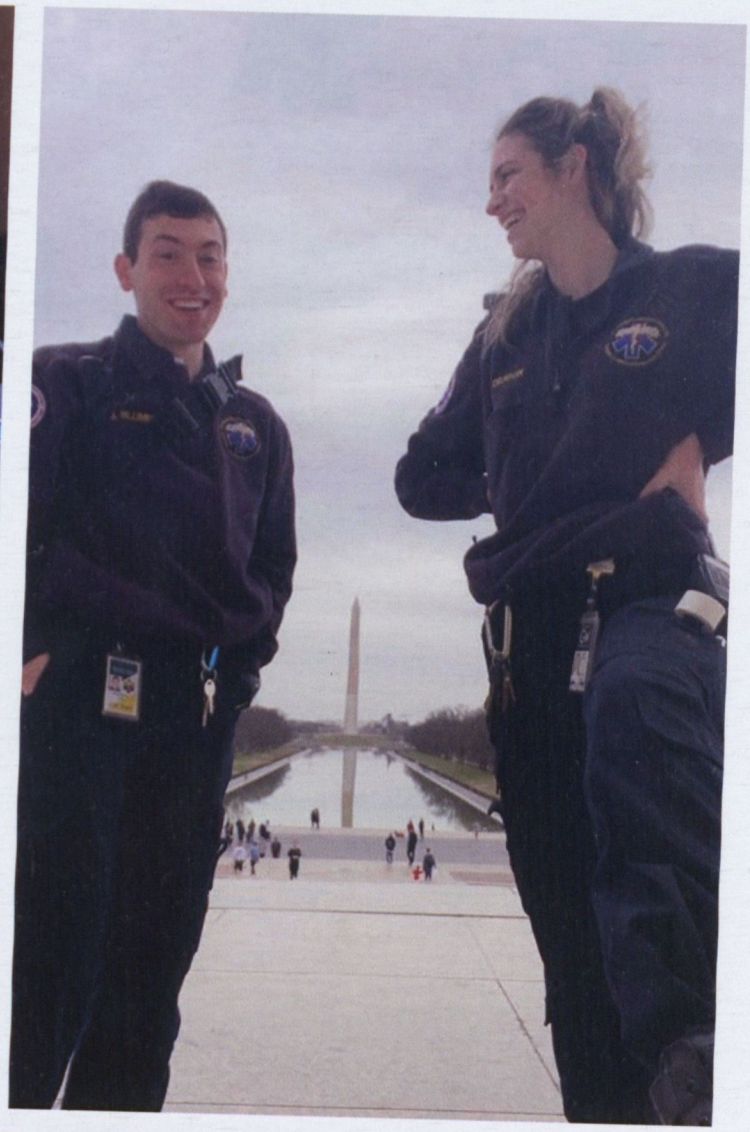
EMeRG

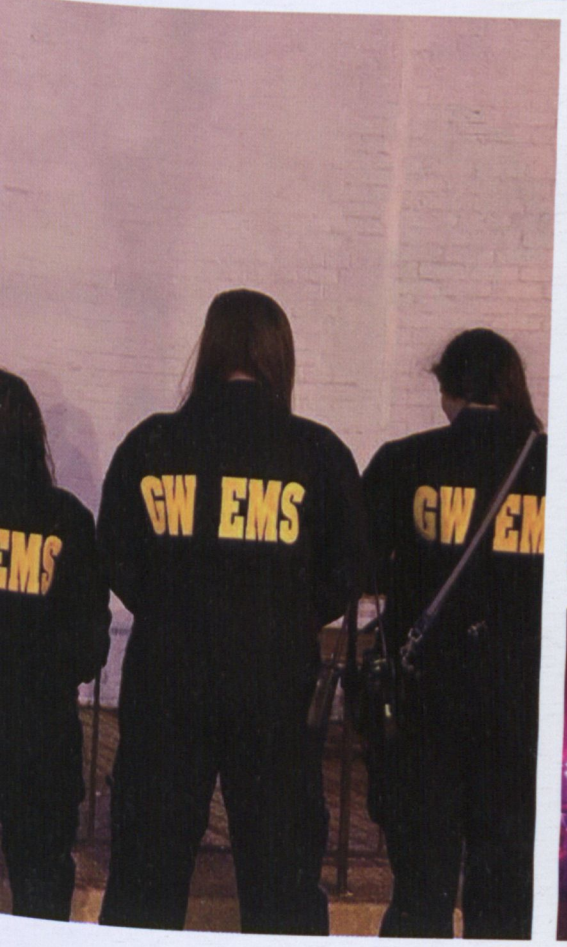
Known for their flashing lights and loud sirens, GW's emergency medical response group can be found serving students early morning and late at night. Colloquially referred to as EMeRG, the squad is a student run and operated volunteer EMS agency serving both the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses. The team is composed of undergraduate and graduate students from a variety of disciplines with a common passion for public service and interest in emergency medicine.

Beginning in 1996 with a campus bike response team, the unit has decreased their response time and increased the range of equipment carried since they started to utilize Quick Response Vehicles (QRVs). The QRVs are what students may see zipping around campus streets on a Friday or Saturday night, proving that not all heroes wear capes.

EMeRG is a nonprofit transport unit that prides itself on being completely free of charge for all services provided, no matter how many times they serve a student. The team responds to a wide variety of calls from musculoskeletal injuries to sexual assault victims, and everything in between. EMeRGers go through intense training that equips them with all of the skills needed to perform basic life saving procedures. All members graduate with training as nationally licensed Emergency Medical Technicians and are registered to operate as EMTs in the District of Columbia. This certification provides a great stepping stone for students who hope to further pursue a career in the medical field.

In addition to providing emergency medical care and transport, EMeRG offers other services to the campus community, including educational courses and standby services. Recognizing that a medical emergency can happen at any time or place, the team offers classes in CPR/AED, Basic First Aid, and even Wilderness First Aid. Furthermore, EMeRG experts are trained to provide on-site EMS standby for campus events and regularly provide support for athletic contests hosted at the Smith Center and training exercises for the University Police Department (GWPD). These additional services provide valuable opportunities for GW to promote campus and community wellbeing.

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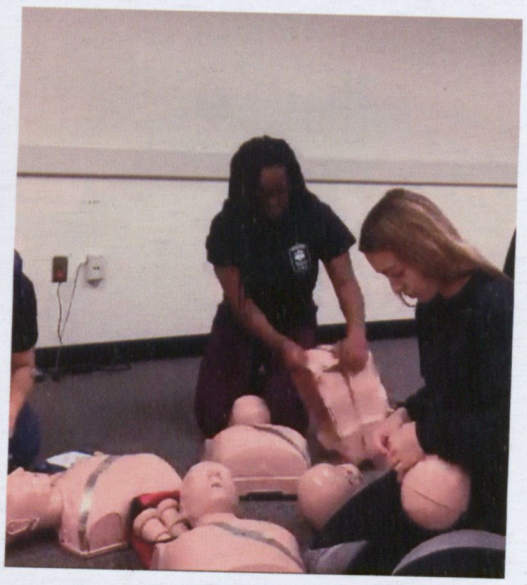

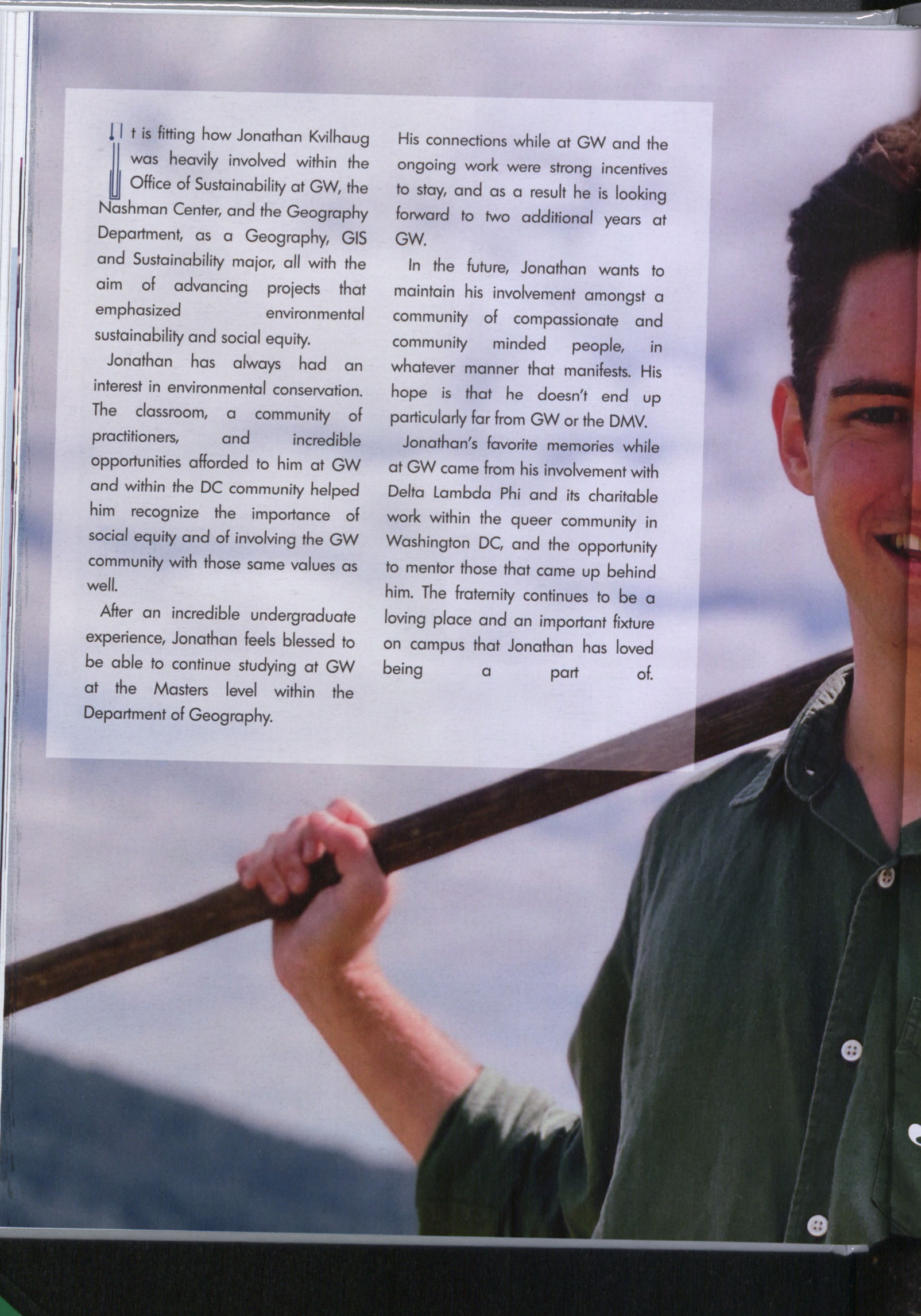

It is fitting how Jonathan Kvilhaug was heavily involved within the Office of Sustainability at GW, the Nashman Center, and the Geography Department, as a Geography, GIS and Sustainability major, all with the aim of advancing projects that emphasized environmental sustainability and social equity.

Jonathan has always had an interest in environmental conservation. The classroom, a community of practitioners, and incredible opportunities afforded to him at GW and within the DC community helped him recognize the importance of social equity and of involving the GW community with those same values as well.

After an incredible undergraduate experience, Jonathan feels blessed to be able to continue studying at GW at the Masters level within the Department of Geography.

His connections while at GW and the ongoing work were strong incentives to stay, and as a result he is looking forward to two additional years at GW.

In the future, Jonathan wants to maintain his involvement amongst a community of compassionate and community minded people, in whatever manner that manifests. His hope is that he doesn't end up particularly far from GW or the DMV.

Jonathan's favorite memories while at GW came from his involvement with Delta Lambda Phi and its charitable work within the queer community in Washington DC, and the opportunity to mentor those that came up behind him. The fraternity continues to be a loving place and an important fixture on campus that Jonathan has loved being a part of.

student spotlight
JONATHAN KVILHAUG

CLUB sports

Not only is GW a Division I school, GW also has a large assortment of club sports teams. For a student who isn't looking to take on the commitment of playing on an intercollegiate team, club sports are the perfect opportunity to get involved with a sport in a less competitive and less time intensive manner. Members of club sports teams have weekly practices and games. The games are free for all GW students to attend and cheer on their friends. Most competitions are local to GW, making it even easier to go and support friends and peers.

A fantastic example of Buff and Blue pride is the club tennis team. This last year alone, the team took home numerous first place wins and managed to outshine many other schools. While competing in many tournaments both at home and away, the team is able to enjoy the sport they love without the higher time commitment and competitive nature of a D1 school.

Though mainly an atmosphere for practices and games, club teams are first and foremost clubs. They act as a social gathering, allowing team members to bond and make friends for life. Many club teams regularly do non-sport activities together and foster a positive and inclusive environment.

The club sports teams at GW help provide positive communities for many students and increase school pride. These clubs also strive to make a positive impact on our GW community through participating in school-wide events such as GW Dance Marathon and Relay for Life. For those who may just be starting out in the sport or have less time to dedicate, the club sports teams at GW are the perfect addition to your life here in Foggy Bottom.

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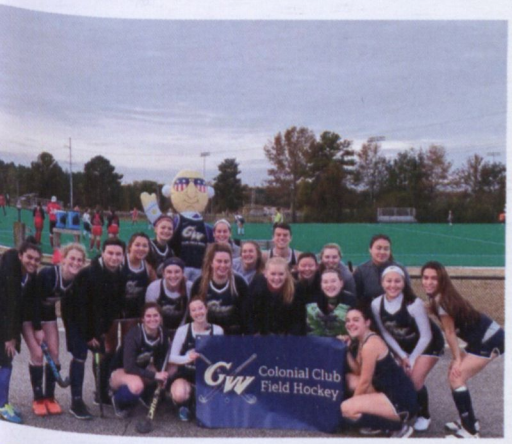
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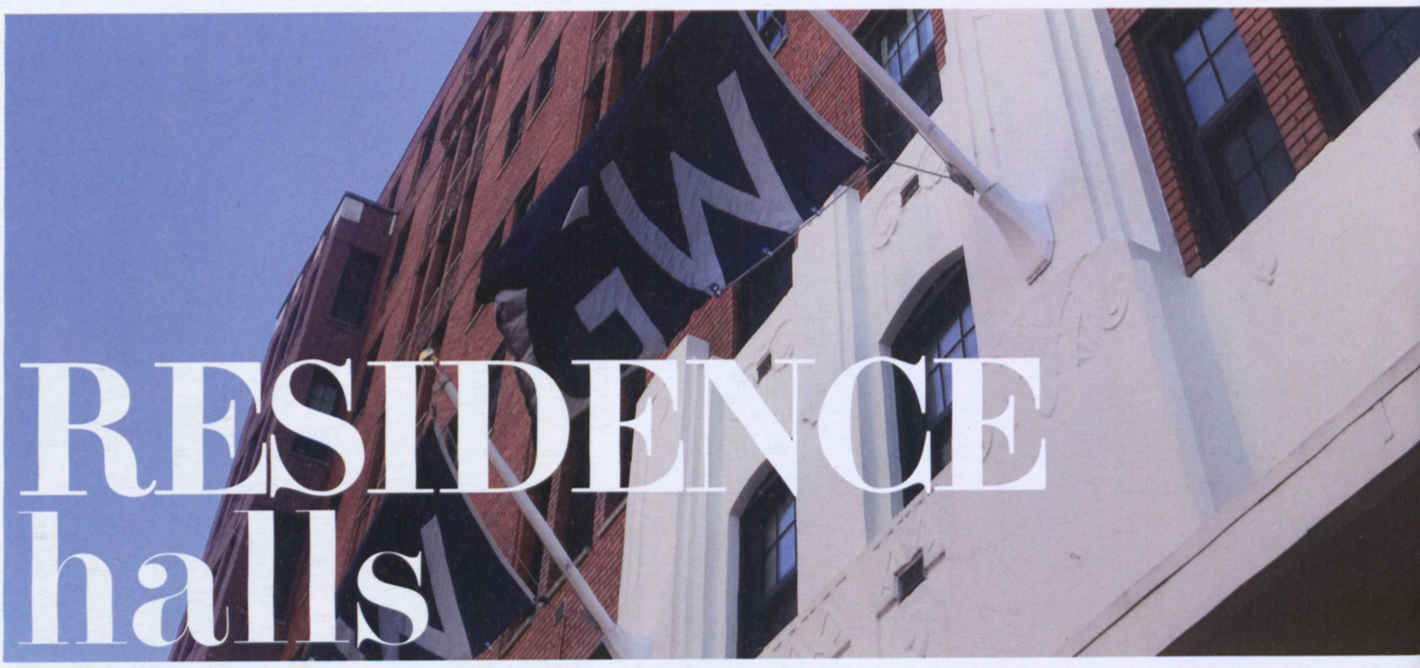

RESIDENCE halls

Unlike many other universities with urban campuses, GW students are required to live on campus for three years of their undergraduate experience. Each GW residence hall has its own unique character and community. Students meet friends, build community, and create their homes away from home in many different types of dorms both in Foggy Bottom and on the Mount Vernon campus.

This year was the last year of the old, beloved Thurston Hall as GW students know it. With preparations to renovate the iconic red-brick building, there is no doubt that the dorm will be drastically improved for future students. Its upcoming renovation has prompted Thurston's current and past residents to reminisce on their best memories inside. Thurston's community of over one third of the freshman class makes it a unique place to live, and it is a special experience shared by many GW students!

Because of GW's unique dining plan, some first-year students and all upperclassmen students live in rooms with kitchens. This allows for students to develop cooking skills and become more independent, and it may even make the residence halls feel more like apartment buildings. Students enjoy grocery shopping at the Foggy Bottom Whole Foods Market and trying out new recipes with roommates and friends!

In Foggy Bottom and on the Mount Vernon Campus, Resident Advisors work hard to make students feel at home. RAs may plan activities such as trips around DC, cook food for their residents, and invite residents to participate in community activities in their dorms. RAs are there as a support for first-year students while they adjust to living on campus, and they offer continual support and advice for upperclassmen as well.

Residents on GW's campus have the opportunity to live in living-learning communities or in affinity houses. Living-learning communities such as the Women's Leadership Program, Global Connections, Sustainability, and Politics and Values are open only to first-year students and are housed on the Mount Vernon Campus. Students in these programs take a class related to the theme of their program and live with their classmates, building a strong cohort and integrating learning into life outside of the classroom. Upperclassmen affinity housing is located in District House, and allows student organizations or groups of individuals with a particular interest to live together. This is a great option for students who wish to become more involved in a certain student org or who want to find friends with similar interests!

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org spotlight: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

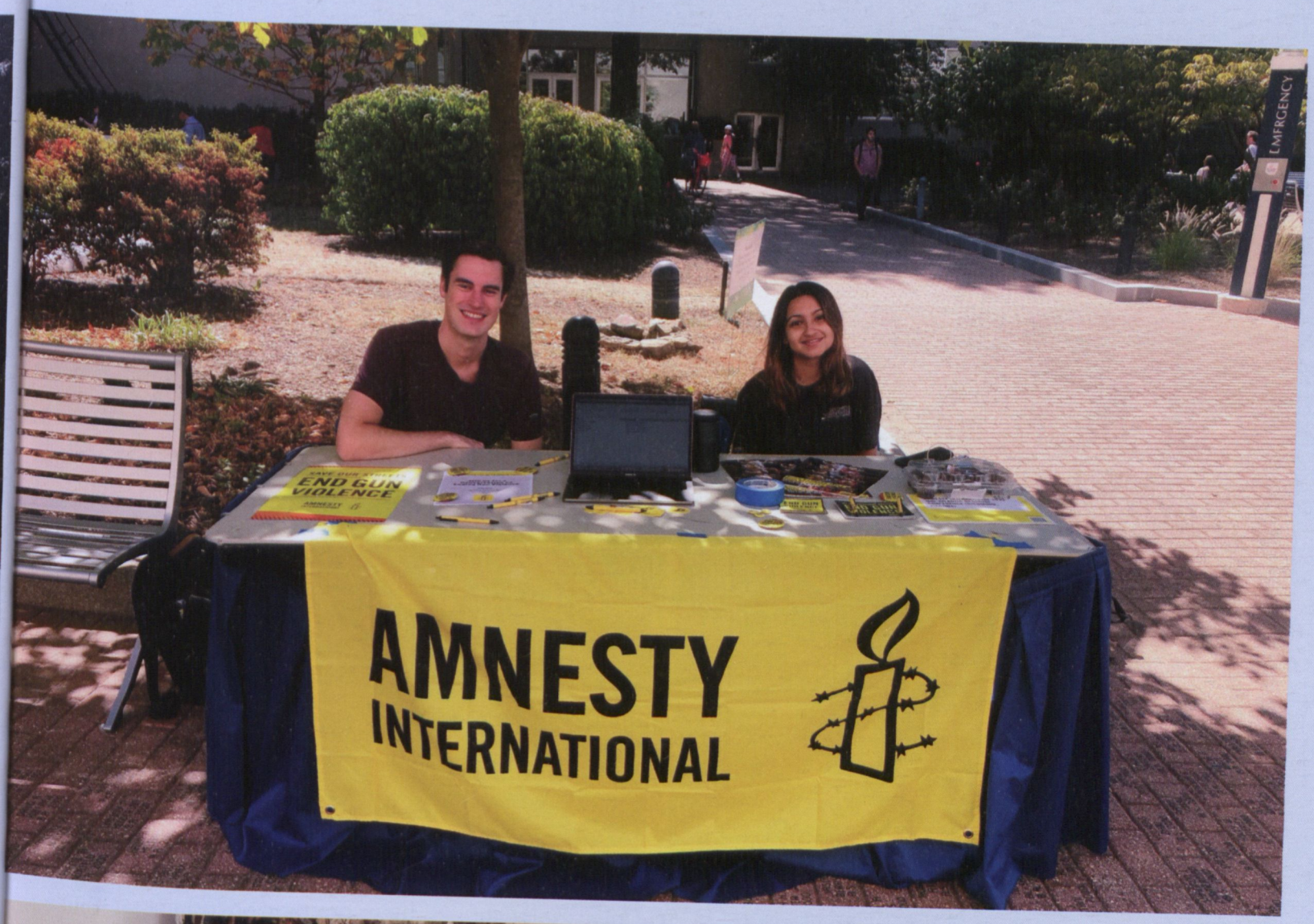
Amnesty International at GW started in 2014 with a group of passionate students dedicated to Amnesty International's mission and desire to bring that work to the GW community. GW's chapter of Amnesty International aims to emulate the purposes and values of the international organization of Amnesty International. To quote from its website, "We work to protect people wherever justice, freedom, truth, and dignity are denied. Amnesty International is a global movement of millions of people demanding human rights for all people – no matter who they are or where they are. We are the world's largest grassroots human rights organization."

GW's Amnesty is different from other orgs for a few reasons. GW Amnesty is just a sector of an extremely large organization, which allows it to have a lot of resources and mentorship. Moreover, Amnesty International has headquarters in Washington, DC and it has been an incredible resource to GW's chapter. Additionally, GW Amnesty is a smaller org, so its meetings tend to provide a more intimate space for discourse about sensitive topics involving human rights.

GW's Amnesty org members attended the Mid-Atlantic conference this past November. All the mid-atlantic chapters attended this annual conference with a common goal to learn more about Amnesty's growing mission to defend human rights. They had the opportunity to learn from incredible mentors at workshops who geared them to become better leaders. They also participated in the climate strike this year with the Amnesty DC office and were able to be at the front of the protest. Amnesty members felt so proud to represent the importance of protecting the environment and protesting against unjust policies.

GW Amnesty International sees a strong and empowered group of young people continuing to fight for human rights. GW yields students who are politically active and motivated to fight against injustice, and GW's Amnesty has no doubt that these students will continue to be attracted to being involved in Amnesty's mission.

Amnesty benefits both GW and the DC community by organizing against injustice. From mobilizing to participate in protests to educating the community, GW Amnesty serves a vital role in the fight for human rights.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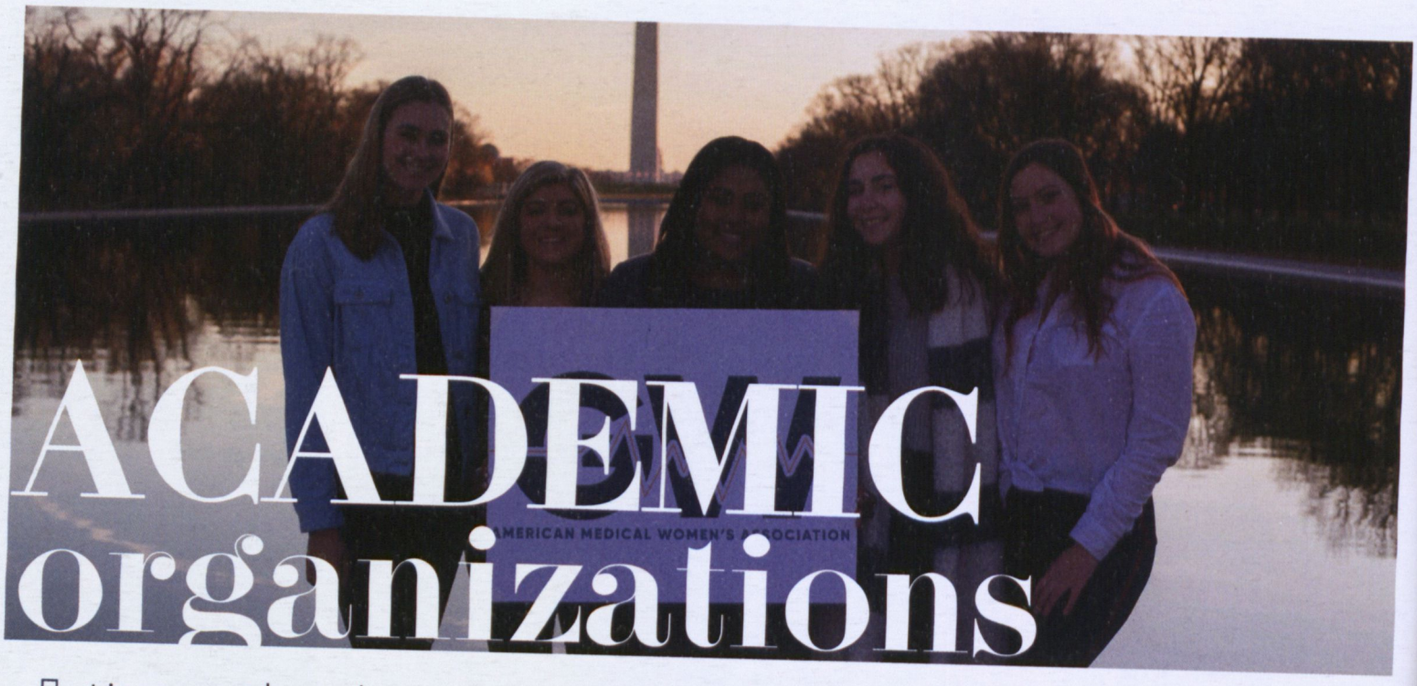

ACADEMIC organizations

It is no secret that students at The George Washington University are incredibly academically motivated. So, it is no surprise that there are a wide variety of academic student organizations thriving on campus! One of these is the GW quiz bowl, which aims to bring together students who love trivia. They compete as a team against other colleges and universities in the Mid-Atlantic region. Another student organization which showcases the academic drive and ambition of GW students is the GW Undergraduate Review. The GW Undergraduate Review is a group of students dedicated to publishing undergraduate research, which demonstrates the incredible intelligence and drive of students at this school.

Other academic student organizations are devoted to forming a community of students who share a specific academic interest. These include sciences, math, international relations, and humanities interests. GW's China Development Student Think Tank is an organization for students who are interested in learning more about or demonstrating their knowledge of US-China relations and are able to discuss ideas about economics, politics, culture, and diplomacy in relation to China. Many academic organizations host events and guest speakers, such as the International Affairs Society. The IA Society puts on a wide variety of events for members in order to expand their understanding of international affairs issues.

Another example of a special-interest academic org, the GW Public Health Student Association is a "graduate umbrella student organization" which strives to build community and share ideas among students of the Milken School of Public Health. Similarly, the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Student Association is an undergraduate student group that aims to help WGSS majors and minors put their interests into practice outside of the classroom and meet others interested in the discipline.

There are many academic student organizations on campus dedicated to creating communities of women interested in a certain field or profession. GW's chapter of WIIS, Women in International Security, introduces interested students to the fields of international defense and security and advocates for the equality and representation of women in the discipline. The strong presence GW Woman in Business, Women in Computer Science, Women in Mathematics, Women in Economics, and the Society of Women Engineers student organizations on campus is certainly representative of the wide array of student groups available to cater to all interests.

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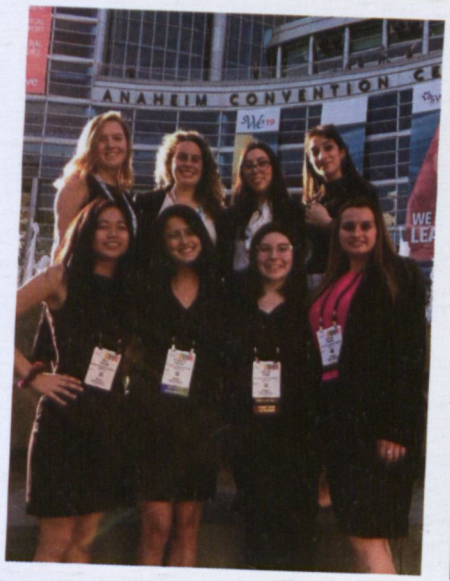
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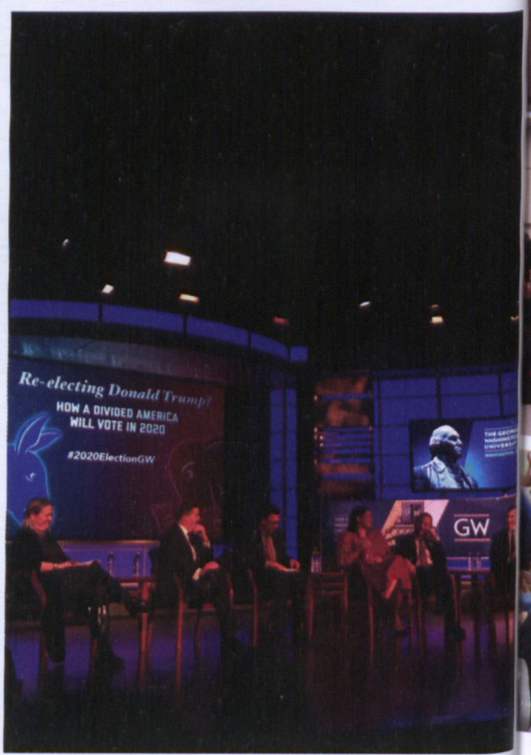
POLITICAL organizations

Due to GW's location in the heart of the nation's capital, it is no surprise that it is a politically active campus. Students bring an exceptionally wide range of political views and backgrounds to the school, and this diverse and enthusiastic community is showcased by many student organizations. No matter your position on the political spectrum, if you are interested in politics and wish to get involved, there is a place for you at GW!

GW is home to the largest chapter of College Democrats in the entire country. On our campus, College Dems hosts regular speaker events, protests, debates, campaigning events, and much more. The GW College Democrats frequently collaborate with other political student organizations on campus, most notably the GW College Republicans, as well as non-partisan groups. The College Republicans are GW's largest conservative student organization, and they host similar political events and speakers ranging from libertarians to moderates.

Non-partisan political organizations are also popular among GW students. One example is No Labels, which aims to promote conversation about political issues across political party boundaries. In December of this year, No Labels hosted a debate on gun control during which panelists representing College Democrats, College Republicans, No Labels, and March For Our Lives GW spoke. This debate was a perfect example of the friendly relationship among the various political student organizations, and it represented the community's desire to promote conversation and cooperation.



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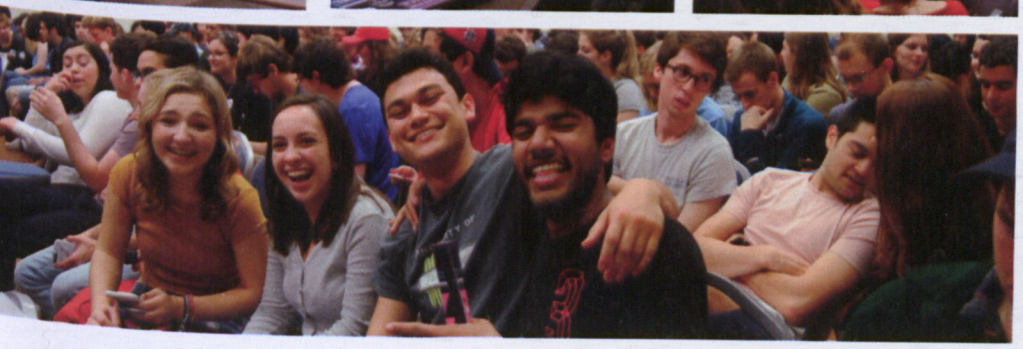
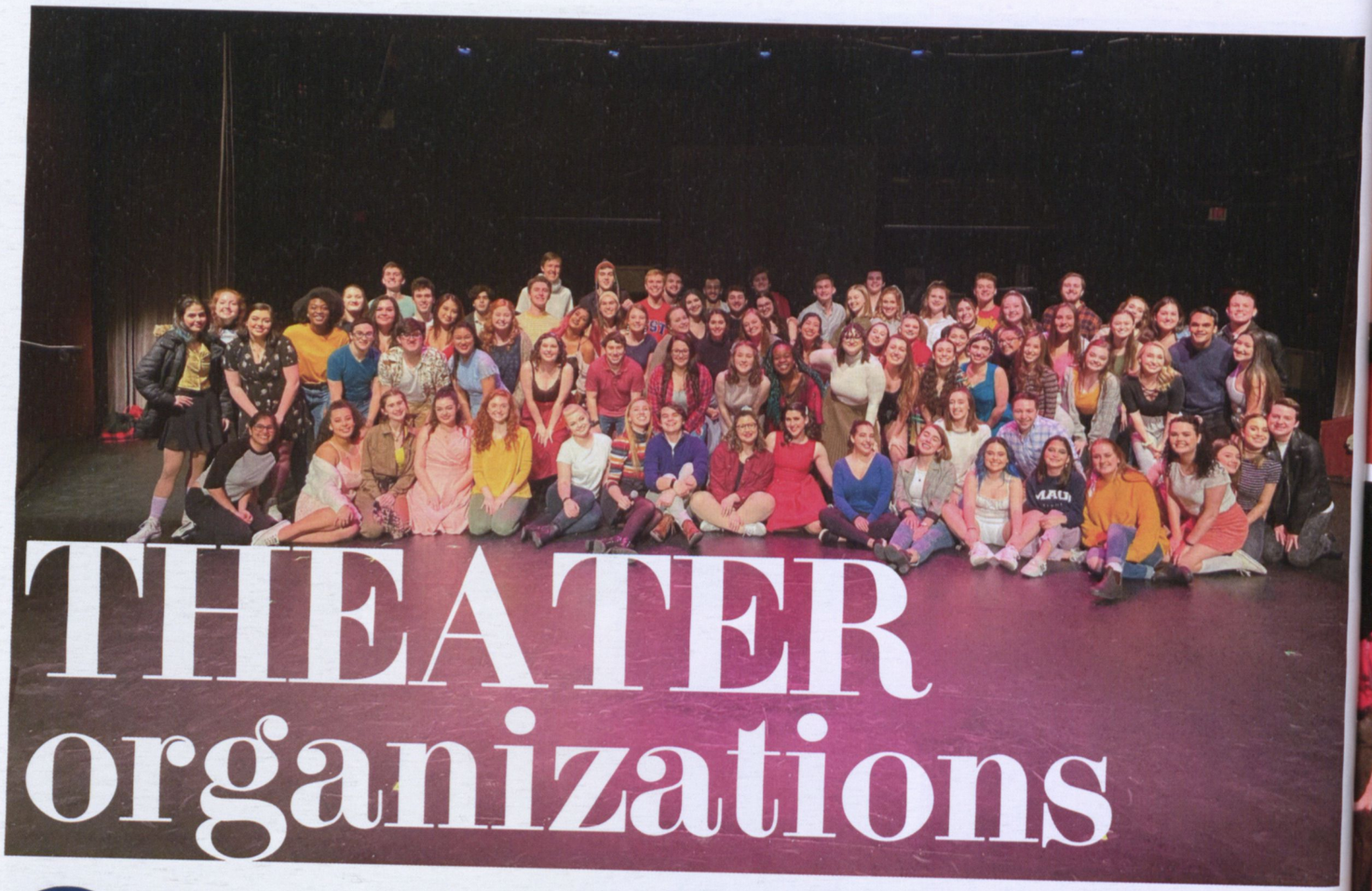


DANCE organizations

Dance is a popular way for GW students to stay active and express themselves creatively. For students looking to join a dance organization, there are many options on campus. The largest student dance organization is Balance: The GW Dance Group. Balance is a welcoming community inclusive of all levels of dance. No prior dance experience is required to audition for Balance, which allows students who are new to dance to try something new and develop a new passion! Classes are offered in many different styles including jazz, modern dance, tap, ballet, hip hop and more! Joining Balance is a great way to get involved in GW's dance community. Each year, the Balance dancers perform a stunning production of The Nutcracker. This event is celebrated among performers and audience members alike and is enjoyed by everyone.

GW is also home to a large number of multicultural student dance organizations. These include Fuego, GW's Latin dance group; the District K Korean dance team; GW Naach, a Bollywood fusion group; and XOLA: the Afro-Caribbean dance team, along with many others. Multicultural dance teams seek to include all interested students in the practice and appreciation of many different styles of dance which originate from all parts of the world.

For students interested in or talented at more specific types of dance, there are student organizations for them too! Capital Funk is GW's hip-hop dance team. Spreading their love of hip-hop across the country, Capital Funk competes in local and national competitions off campus. GW Ballroom is also an official dance team which invites all those interested in learning about ballroom dance to join! The GW Ballroom team trains students to perfect dances such as the waltz, the tango, the swing, and many more.



THEATER organizations

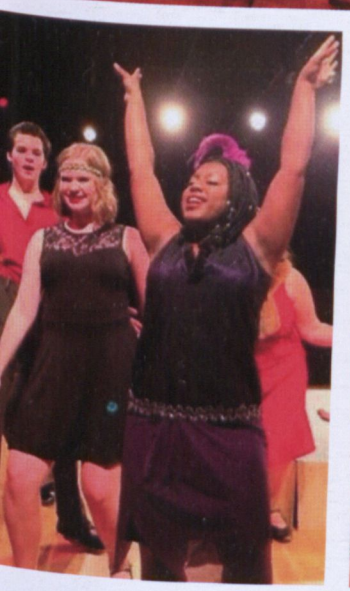
GW's theater community includes a variety of vibrant and diverse organizations of all types and levels. These groups put on many shows for the GW community, which are great events for students to attend and participate in. Theater organizations at GW attract students who are interested in many different types of theater, including musical, Shakespeare, contemporary plays, improvisation, comedy, and more.

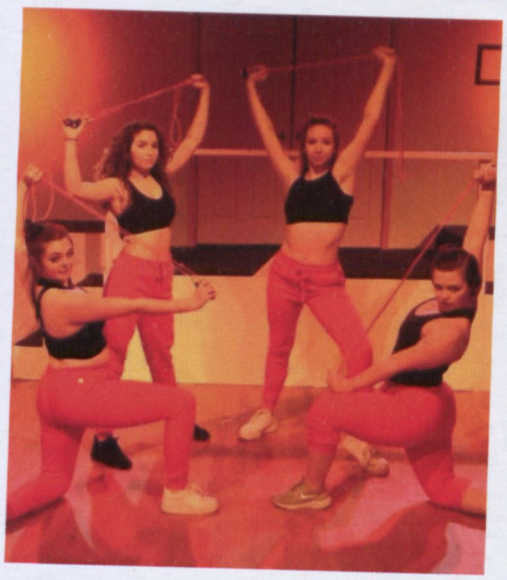
One of GW's student theater groups, Fourteenth Grade Players, produces and presents a variety of shows throughout the year. This fall semester, performances included Welcome Back One Acts, a showcase of short plays; Twelve Angry Men, a unique take on the dramatic classic; and The Wonderful World of Dissocia. Fourteenth's productions are entirely student-run, creating a welcoming community of passionate and enthusiastic theater-loving students!

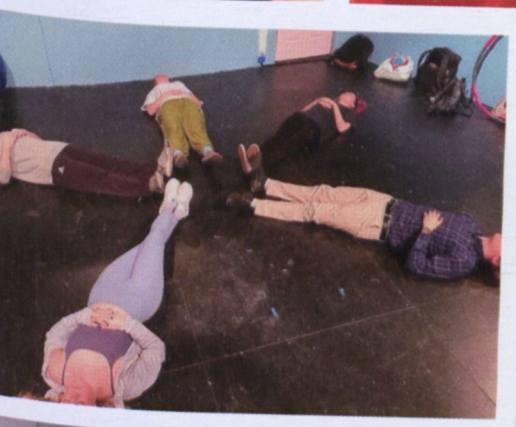
Among GW's theater organizations is Forbidden Planet Productions, another student-run group. FPP's annual production of The Rocky Horror Picture Show, performed around Halloween each year, is a campus favorite, with lines out the door of the Marvin Center as early as two hours before the show's start. This fall, they also performed the musical She Loves Me, complete with a full pit orchestra of talented student musicians. FPP produces both musicals and plays, and believes that every student can have the opportunity to participate in theater.

Generic Theatre Company is GW's oldest and largest student theater organization. Founded in 1985, Generic continues to be a home on campus for all those interested in theater performance and production, creating various types of shows throughout the year.

For spectators, actors, actresses, and curious students alike, there is no doubt that there is a place in GW theater for everyone. Our student theater organizations are the perfect example of the enthusiasm, creativity, artistic talent, and dedication of our student body.







FAITH organizations

Students from different backgrounds, countries, and cultures travel to GW to grow in their academia and in themselves. For many students, faith is a large part of their background. As students adjust to life at GW, they can join over 20 faith organizations to explore and call home. The groups range from the Muslim Students' Association to Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Although each organization has a different system of beliefs, one thing is for sure; they all want a more peaceful and loving community of colonials.

As one of GW's largest faith communities, Jewish students hope to complete their new community center soon as part of GW Hillel and JSA. Occupying the Newman Center, GW Catholics hold some of the deepest historical roots within the university and host weekly events - most notably, Mass and dinner on Tuesday evenings. The Hindu Students' Association brought their Diwali celebrations to the Vern with sparklers and sweets while the Sikh Student Association hung out in Kogan Plaza for their annual Guru Nanak Dev Ji Langar where they served delicious Punjabi food.

Bonding all of these faith organizations is the Interfaith Council which works to connect faith and non-faith groups alike and foster interfaith conversations within the campus community. Their signature event is the Interfaith Dinner, an exciting evening of multicultural food and "speed faithing." Faith identities across the board are recognized through the university-wide Interfaith Baccalaureate program. Graduating students have the opportunity to share personal testimonies of their faith while living and learning at GW.

GW's bold and broad faith community allows students to observe and celebrate with friends who feel as strongly about their faith. This lets students return to their faith communities at home feeling as if they had never left.

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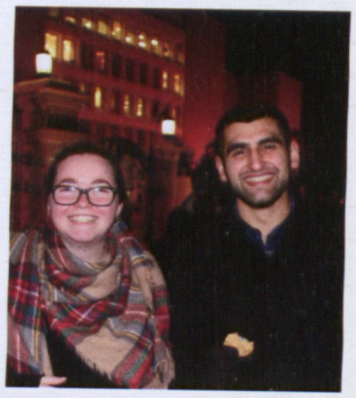
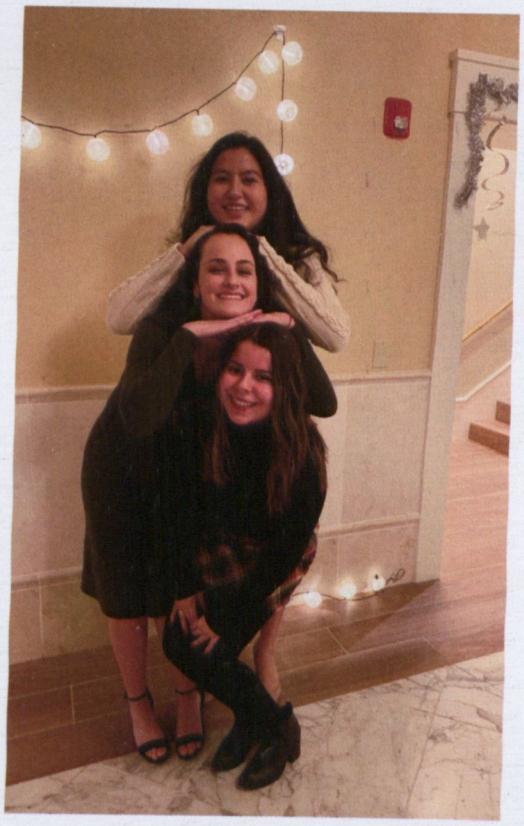




student spotlight
ANNA WEBER

Anna Weber has been involved in numerous GW organizations. She is involved in the Student Association, GW Bands, GW Women in Economics, and Kappa Alpha Theta. She is majoring in Economics and Geography and is from Northfield, MN. She has wanted to be involved in student government even before she came to campus. Through her past experiences, she has found that it's a great way to meet like minded people. She was originally on the Student Engagement Committee in the SA, and then also became Deputy Chief of Staff in October, after SJ Matthews and her chief of staff came to their meeting saying they needed an extra person or two. She thought she fit the bill, interviewed, and jumped into the role a week later. It's a lot of commitment but it really made Anna understand how the SA works and how they make change on campus.

Being in the SA is important to Anna because she cares about student advocacy. She has always been someone who's very aware of what's going on around her and on a college campus. She says that this usually means being aware of opportunities to make the campus a better place. She also enjoys working on projects (and having the satisfaction of finishing them!) and knowing that the work she does matters on campus.

After college, Anna sees herself working in economic development, whether it be in the public or nonprofit sector. She thinks her involvement in the SA plays into this because economic development work often involves a great deal of advocacy, and she thinks there are a lot of transferable skills that can be applied to that sector. It's not a direct tie, but the SA teaches you a lot about how to get things done.

Anna states how stringent the SA's governing documents are. They just redid their constitution, and changed up the structure somewhat, so she is curious to see how that plays out. Otherwise, she sees the SA continuing to push for affordability and inclusivity because she thinks those are the two biggest issues facing campus.

Anna's favorite memory at GW has been Big/Little week for Theta. She met a ton of new people in her chapter that week that she didn't know before, had a bunch of fun with all the surprises, and loved seeing who everybody got paired with. It made her feel like she had finally found a real home on campus.

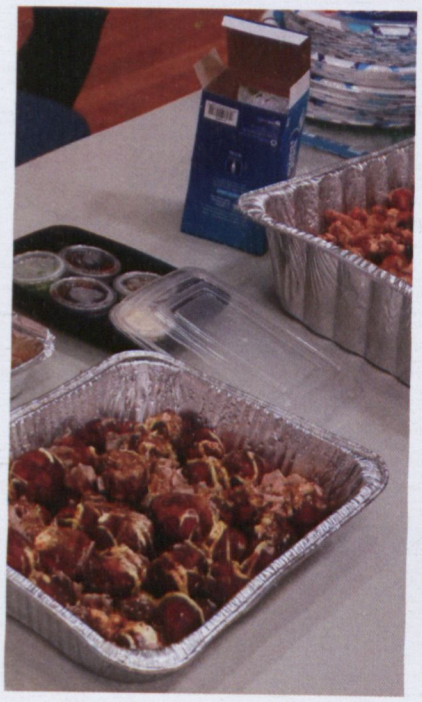
CULTURAL organizations

The George Washington Colonials come from all over the world and from many different cultural backgrounds. Our diversity is well-represented in our amazing cultural student organizations on campus! These organizations do a variety of things, including celebrating their heritage, educating others on their history, and promoting diversity and inclusion on campus.

Cultural student organizations at GW are taking action to unite our community and encourage celebration of different backgrounds. For example, the Korean Cultural Organization participates in service projects, and vows to fight ignorance on campus through their work and events that they host throughout the year. OLAS, the Organization of Latinx American Students, strives to build a better sense of community among the Latinx students of GW and to engage in social and political activism on campus and around DC.

Although we have a large number of cultural student organizations which focus on celebrating a particular cultural identity and creating a community of students with a similar background, there are also cultural organizations on campus which are open to students interested in learning more about a culture or engaging academically with one. The Organization of Slavic Studies focuses on encouraging students to learn more about Slavic languages, politics, history, and culture. The Italian Cultural Society invites students to participate in movie screenings, cooking classes, and other fun events to learn about Italy and its rich cultural history.

No matter your background, there is a place for everyone at GW! Our wide array of cultural student organizations offers many opportunities for students to get involved in learning more about their own or another culture.



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org spotlight: CHAARG

CHAARG (Changing Health Attitudes + Actions to Recreate Girls) is a national organization that has been on GW's campus for four years. Every year CHAARG National brings CHAARG to a few campuses around the country as long as there are students willing to be founding ambassadors. Four years ago, students at GW applied to bring CHAARG to GW and it has been on campus since then.

CHAARG aims to empower women through health and wellness by trying out various types of workouts, with the purpose of helping college aged women find their fit and discover new ways in which wellness can empower them.

GW's CHAARG organization is one of 70 chapters around the country and is led by Annie Taffaro at GW. CHAARG is unique because it is an all female organization that empowers each women every day to try new things to improve their health and wellness.

President Annie Taffaro said that her favorite memory while being in CHAARG was their first retreat that was held this year. They had a whole day of wellness and community building activities including yoga, journaling, smoothie making, and a scavenger hunt. They ended their day with Sprinkles Cupcakes to celebrate the amazing CHAARG community.

CHAARG

DANCE marathon

Dance Marathon is a national organization that benefits Children's Miracle Network Hospitals across the country. Many universities participate in this wonderful organization, and GW has its own Dance Marathon each year! On campus, GW Dance Marathon is a student org that works to raise money throughout the academic year for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in the DC area. Students in Dance Marathon set up a variety of fundraisers on campus, including tabling in Kogan and many others!

Each spring, GW Dance Marathon hosts its own 12 hour dance marathon. Students sign up in teams and compete to raise the most money for children in need. They have tons of fun dancing and moving to music for the entire 12 hours. This year's dance marathon, which was held on February 29th in the Lerner Health and Wellness Center, had 28 teams and a total of 236 participants! Many greek life organizations and other student groups on campus donated their time and effort to the event. The top fundraising team of this year's dance marathon was the External Team, and the top individual fundraiser was Megan Rhodes.

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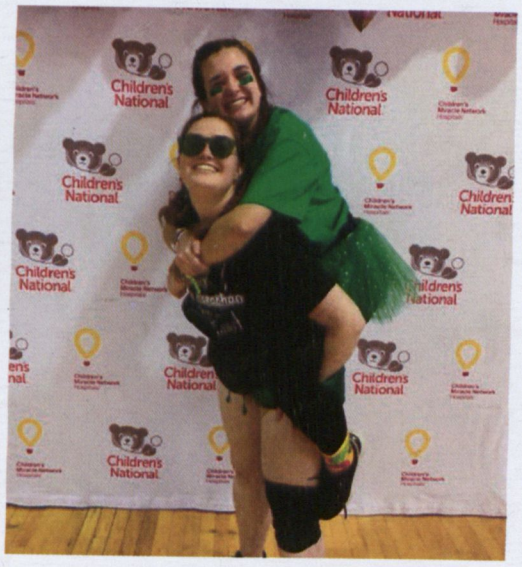
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student spotlight
CHARLIE PANFIL

Charlie Panfil, majoring in Political Science, runs Friends of Intelligent Democracy, the first Hybrid political action committee run by college students. He started this committee in 2017 when he was a senior in high school. Now, Friends of Intelligent Democracy has nine full time staff that are other GW students. This summer the organization has interns from GW and across the country. The committee focuses on supporting Democratic candidates for Congress, registering college students to vote, and developing a progressive policy platform.

Charlie Panfil started Friends of Intelligent Democracy after almost getting kicked out of an Ohio Democratic Party fundraiser not because he could not be there, but because the event staff did not believe that young people had a place in the campaign finance space. Friends of Intelligent Democracy is important to Charlie because, through the team's work, it helps give young people a seat at the table and also amplify the voice of young people at the ballot box through voter registration.

This semester, Charlie was accepted into the Graduate School of Political Management's Combined Degree Program to get an MPS in Legislative Affairs. After graduating from the GSPM, he hopes to pursue a career in campaign finance and government relations to help increase access for young people and the LGBTQ+ community which he is a proud member of.

Charlie hopes that Friends of Intelligent Democracy continues to grow as an organization that helps young people build political power across the United States and influence the legislation and officials that will help define our future.

Charlie's favorite memories at GW are with his friends who have become his on-campus family. Fun activities like cooking together, going out, and spending time together helps lift the stress of being a GW student.

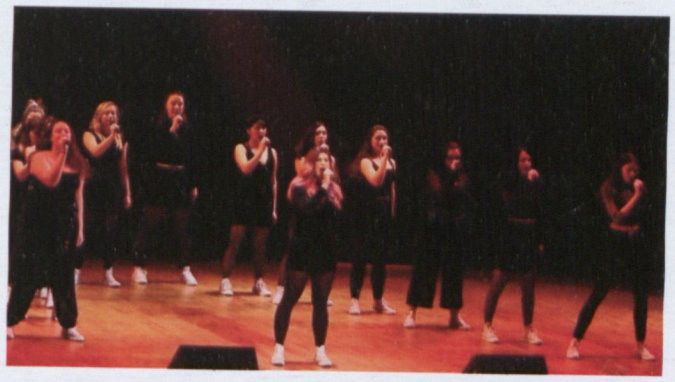
ACAPELLA organizations

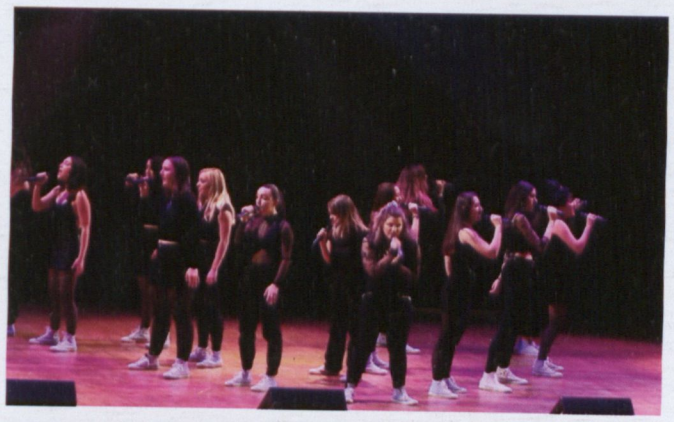
The competitive a cappella culture at GW showcases the many talented singers on our campus. Home to six a cappella groups, ranging from pop groups, such as the Motherfunkers, to the spunky all-girls troupe, The Sirens, each of GW's groups has a unique flare. These talented singers typically meet weekly with their groups to keep their vocals golden. Though occasionally grueling, these long hours of practice allow for tight knit bonds to be formed within the groups. The groups are always looking to extend their a cappella families, so auditions are held in both the fall and the spring.

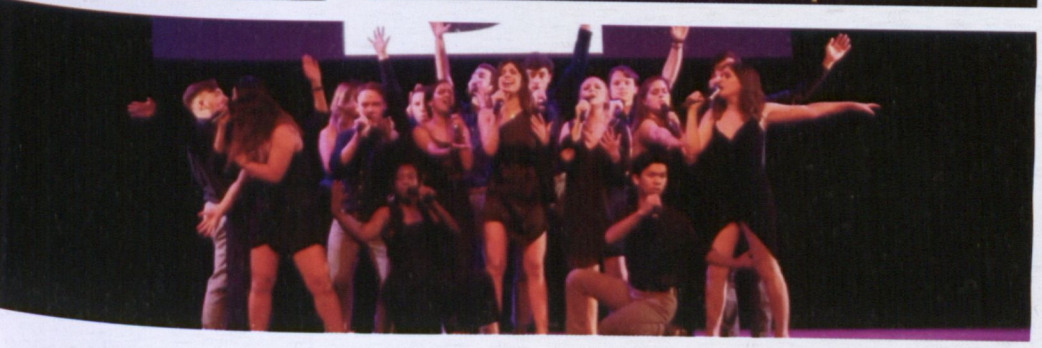
Aside from biannual auditions, it is also tradition for the groups to band together for their awe-inspiring, annual event: Acappellapalooza. This year the festival was held on September 21st, in coordination with Colonials Weekend. This event is always popular among students, parents, and alumni that are looking for some free buff and blue entertainment during their stay in Foggy Bottom. Although they share the stage, each group has the opportunity to showcase their uniquely crafted style and repertoire.

While the groups make their fair share of appearances at university events, such as the Convocation Ceremony, they take advantage of the many opportunities available in the Washington metropolitan area. On September 3rd, the Sons of Pitch traveled to Nationals Park to sing the National Anthem before the Washington Nationals took on the New York Mets.

The troupes will continue to sing their hearts out in hopes of making it to the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella. Until then, their winter and spring concerts serve as practice for their international debuts and opportunities to showcase their talents, and the community that GW a cappella offers.







student spotlight
HANNAH EDWARDS

Hannah Edwards, from Kansas City, is Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion in the executive cabinet of the Student Association. She is majoring in Political Science and Psychology, minoring in Spanish, and at the beginning of her freshman year she applied to the Student Association. When she learned of the position second semester, she believed she had found her niche at GW.

Various identities and communities are represented in GW's student body. She believes its important to ensure that every student feels like they can express themselves on campus. She also believes it is important to be cognizant of the voices that are not represented which is what drives Hannah to try to highlight perspectives and experiences of those left out of the conversation.

Hannah's experience being in the SA has allowed her to connect with so many members of different communities. She's been exposed to so many new perspectives listening to the concerns of students, faculty, and admin, and has learned a lot.

She believes the SA benefits the community at GW by advocating for students when students are feeling too overwhelmed and tired to represent themselves. Her favorite memories being in the SA have all come from interactions she had with students while hosting her office hours. It's extremely difficult to isolate one specific memory because she had so many great conversations with genuine and passionate people.

Hannah plans on applying to law school to do what she's always been passionate about - advocating for her community. She joined the SA to do exactly this by being an advocate for members of the student body and engaging with the local community outside of GW. Hannah hopes for the Student Association in the future to transform into a body of genuine individuals that act as a bridge between the student body and administration. She is excited to see how future student leaders will enhance the student experience at GW! Raise High!

ADVOCACY & AWARENESS organizations

When students come to GW, they are immersed in a melting pot of students from all over the United States and abroad. Students' passions and interests guide them to specific advocacy and awareness organizations on campus. Advocating for a wide range of values, GW's orgs certainly cater to the entire student body.

Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA) is a prominent peer-led organization that provides educational and supportive services related to sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, sexual harassment, and stalking. Striving to eliminate the culture of sexual violence on campus, the members advocate for policy changes and create safe spaces on campus.

One of the campus' most prominent advocacy and awareness orgs is March for Our Lives. Modeled after the national organization, March for Our Lives GW has committed itself to ending all types of gun violence. The members do this through educating the public and lobbying on the local and federal level. March for Our Lives GW hosted their first gala this fall in support of local gun violence awareness organization, The TraRon Center. GW also plays host to an extension of Be The Match, an organization that operates the largest and most diverse bone marrow and stem cell registry in the world, and works to save lives through transplants. GW's Be The Match chapter raises awareness through education, fundraises for patients in search of a match, and holds drives to sign people up to join the registry.

Finally, one of the most renowned advocacy and awareness groups on campus this year was Sunrise GW. Sunrise united students of the climate justice movement to educate the community on the global climate crisis, build student awareness, and increase transparency within the university's bureaucracy. The students most notably called for the complete divestment of fossil fuels through their well-known "Divest GW" petition.

She's the first

Always Support All Survivors #
Support All Survivors Always
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SAVE A LIFE
THE CURE FOR BLOOD CANCER IS IN YOU
BE THE MATCH

#TRENDING

GW BINGO

CIRCLE THE THINGS YOU'VE DONE BELOW!

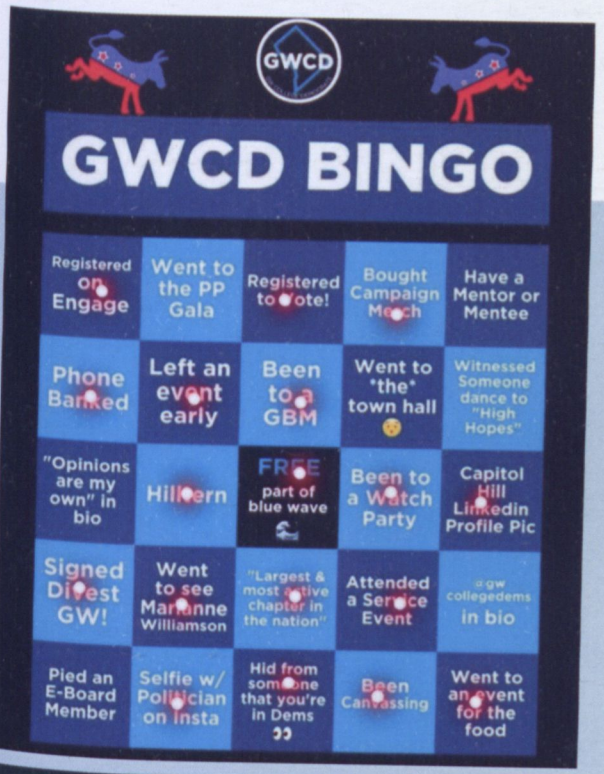
HILL COUNTRY WEDNESDAY	MCREYNOLD'S RUN	BANWEB CRASH DURING COURSE REGISTRATION	JEWISH	PARTICIPATED IN A PROTEST
GONE DRUNCHING	BEEN TO GALLERY UNDER THE INFLUENCE	SEEN A CELEB ON CAMPUS	SHIT TALKED LEBLANC	ELECTRIC SCOOTER RIDE
STOLEN FROM WHOLE FOODS	BRUNCH & DARTY COMBO	NOTHING IS *Free* AT THIS SCHOOL	FIRE ALARM WHILE IN DISTRICT	DRUNK MONUMENTING
BEEN EMERGED	LEFT A BASKETBALL GAME EARLY	SURVIVED THURSTON	SPOKE TO DELI BOY	CRIED IN GELMAN
REPOSTED KERRY WASHINGTON'S GRADUATION PIC ON INSTA	HILLTERN	PRE-GAMED IN THE AVE	SIGNED A CHANGE.ORG PETITION	CHERRY BLOSSOM INSTA POST

Helwell Bingo

No name tag	Dating another staff	Scared of J****	Ignored by Joe	Flirted with a pro-staff
Skipped pool on purpose on round	Pat on back by Andre	Awk convo with AM/Manager	Morgan bought you food	Hooked up with other staff
Called out sick for darty	Listened to Cael rant about lifting	NPR	Snuck someone in	PPR for being "a good person"
Scammed by GAship	Used phone on shift	Corny all-staff training	No summer hours	Slept through opening shift
Always switched to CD	Lied about FC numbers	Patron confronted u about EQ trivia	Became friends with staff on shift	Ran into manager out

When students were sent home from campus as a result of COVID-19, student organizations turned to social media in order to keep members connected. Bingo boards flooded Instagram with boxes that members or other students could check off. This became a way for students to remember all of the memories they made on campus this year and their favorite parts about being involved in these campus activities.

Even though students were no longer physically together - GW students jumped at the challenge to remain connected with their classmates, organization members and friends no matter how many miles separated them. They were eager to have the chance to return to campus and to carry traditions and make many more memories at GW!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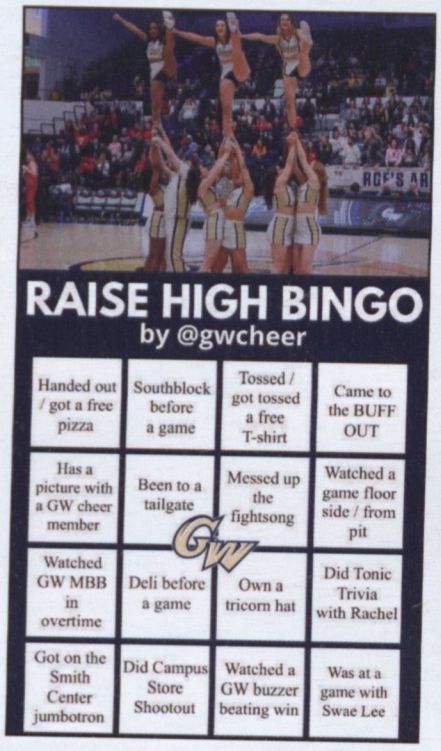
GWCD BINGO
Registered on Engage
Went to the PP Gala
Registered to vote!
Bought Campaign Merch
Have a Mentor or Mentee
Phone Banked
Left an event early
Been to a GBM
Went to "the" town hall
Witnessed Someone dance to "High Hopes"
"Opinions are my own" in bio
Hillern
FREE part of blue wave
Been to a Watch Party
Capitol Hill Linkedin Profile Pic
Signed Divest GW!
Went to see Marianne Williamson
"Largest & most active chapter in the nation"
Attended a Service Event
@gw collegedems in bio
Pied an E-Board Member
Selfie w/ Politician on Insta
Hid from someone that you're in Dems
Been Canvassing
Went to an event for the food


RAISE HIGH BINGO
by @gwcheer
Handed out / got a free pizza
Southblock before a game
Tossed / got tossed a free T-shirt
Came to the BUFF OUT
Has a picture with a GW cheer member
Been to a tailgate
Messed up the fightsong
Watched a game floor side / from pit
Watched GW MBB in overtime
Deli before a game
Own a tricorn hat
Did Tonic Trivia with Rachel
Got on the Smith Center jumbotron
Did Campus Store Shootout
Watched a GW buzzer beating win
Was at a game with Swae Lee

FORBIDDEN PLANET PRODUCTIONS
FPP
FPP Bingo!
CRIED IN THE VERN BLACKBOX
TOUCHED A PROP THAT'S NOT YOURS
STRIKE + PELHAM BRUNCH
BOMBED AN AUDITION
SPLINTERS!
GONE ON THE FPP 6 FLAGS TRIP
SAWDUST NOSEBLEED
SWEAT IN THE DOWNSTAGE
ROCKY OUTFIT IN PUBLIC
"I CAN'T, I HAVE REHEARSAL"
GOT PANERA IN FULL COSTUME AND MAKEUP
USED THE HASHTAG #FPPHAMILY UNIRONICALLY
FPPBREE SPACE
IN THE BLACKBOX PAST 1AM
HATED AMPHIBIAN PROM
"WHAT ROOM ARE WE IN?"
HAD A SHOW CANCELLED CAUSE OF THE CORONA VIRUS
PAINTED A BLACK THING BLACK
WENT TO FPP ICE SKATING OR LASER TAG
VERN GRILL
RODE IN A FULL VEX BACK TO FOGGY
SEEN THE RHPS TOO MANY FUCKING TIMES
REHEARSED IN ROME/ PHILLIPS
DON'T HAVE TAP TO STC SPACES, BORROWED A GWORLD
BEEN IN ANY FPP SHOW!
Your turn!

#GWSB BINGO
Lmao
GOT KICKED OUT OF A STUDY ROOM
GOOGLE CALENDAR INVITE FOR A SOCIAL EVENT
HAD MICHAEL MOSES
HAD A DUQUES LOBBY TABLE STOLEN FROM YOU
500+ LINKEDIN CONNECTIONS
MADE FUN OF CEAS
GOT LOST IN DUQUES/ CONNECTION TO DUNGER
IN DUQUES AT 8AM ON THE WEEKEND
"YOUR RESUME ISN'T GWSB FORMAT"
BUSINESS FRAT
WENT TO DUQUES JUST TO SOCIALIZE
"YEAH I'M THINKING ABOUT GOING CONSULTING"
FREE
DID ALL THE WORK IN A GROUP PROJECT
STOLE FOOD FROM A NETWORKING EVENT
DEBATED HOW TO PRONOUNCE POINT CHAUD
HAVE A FAVORITE ADVISOR
DIDN'T APPLY TO A JOB BECAUSE THERE WAS A TYPO IN THE COVER LETTER
POINT CHAUD CREPE
WAITED IN ADVISING FOR MORE THAN 30 MINUTES
TOOK THE ELEVATOR TO THE SECOND FLOOR IN DUQUES
APPLIED FOR FYDP/TSDC/ FOWLER/UBA
HAD SCOTT LANCASTER FOR ACCOUNTING
WENT BIG 4
WORE BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE TODAY FOR CLASS

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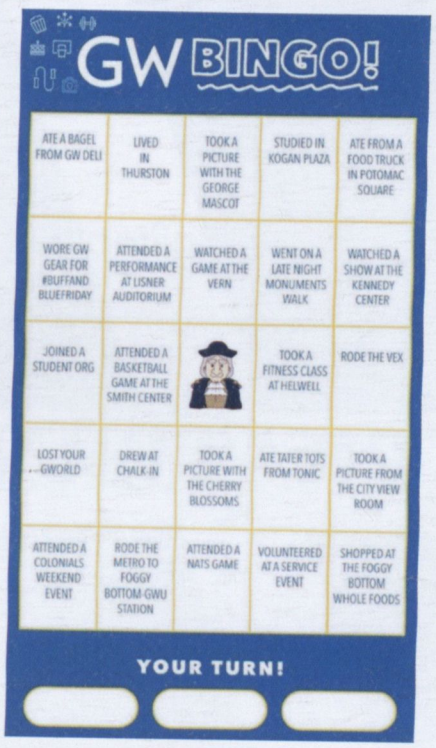
GW BINGO!
ATE A BAGEL FROM GW DELI
LIVED IN THURSTON
TOOK A PICTURE WITH THE GEORGE MASCOT
STUDIED IN KOGAN PLAZA
ATE FROM A FOOD TRUCK IN POTOMAC SQUARE
WORE GW GEAR FOR #BUFFAND BLUEFRIDAY
ATTENDED A PERFORMANCE AT LISNER AUDITORIUM
WATCHED A GAME AT THE VERN
WENT ON A LATE NIGHT MONUMENTS WALK
WATCHED A SHOW AT THE KENNEDY CENTER
JOINED A STUDENT ORG
ATTENDED A BASKETBALL GAME AT THE SMITH CENTER
TOOK A FITNESS CLASS AT HELWELL
RODE THE VEX
LOST YOUR GWORLD
DREW AT CHALK-IN
TOOK A PICTURE WITH THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS
ATE TATER TOTS FROM TONIC
TOOK A PICTURE FROM THE CITY VIEW ROOM
ATTENDED A COLONIALS WEEKEND EVENT
RODE THE METRO TO FOGGY BOTTOM-GWU STATION
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SHOPPED AT THE FOGGY BOTTOM WHOLE FOODS
YOUR TURN!

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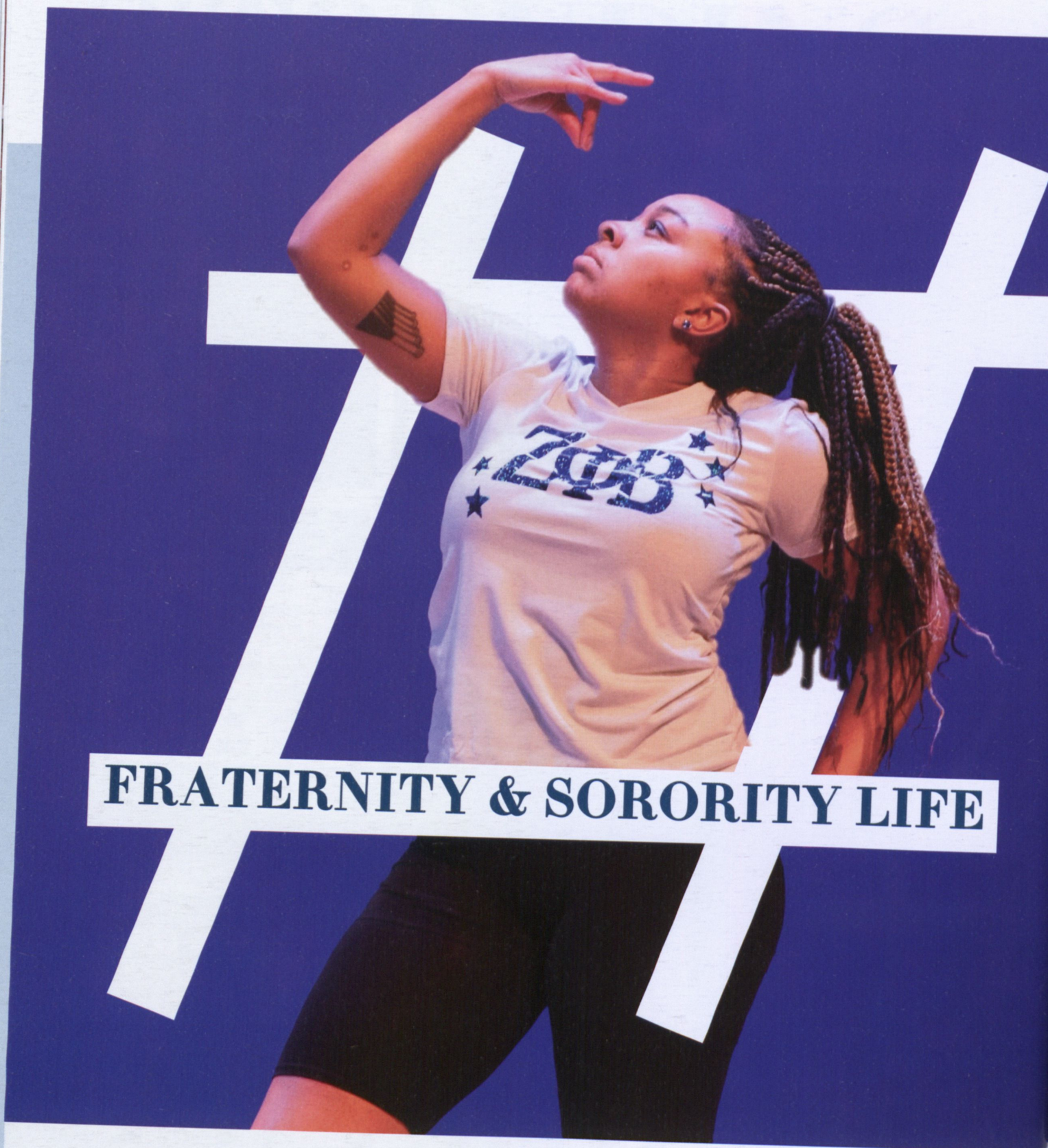

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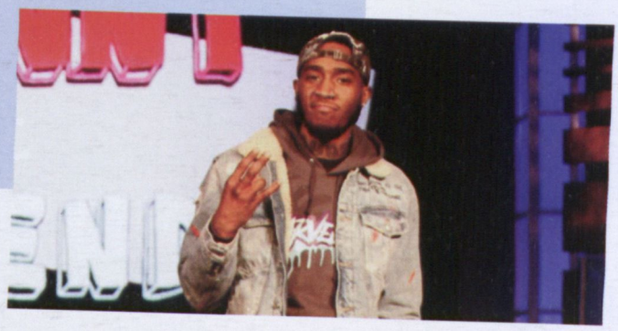

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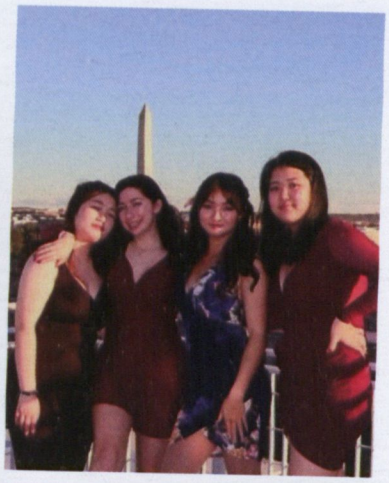
MULTICULTURAL greek council

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) serves as a governing board for its seven unique chapters: Delta Lambda Phi, Iota Nu Delta, Kappa Phi Lambda, Lambda Pi Chi, Pi Delta Psi, Sigma Lambda Upsilon, and Sigma Psi Zeta.

Members come from a myriad of backgrounds, countries, and upbringings with the common goal of promoting unity and cultural diversity within the greek community. Students with interests in the Asian culture may find themselves at home with the brothers in Pi Delta Psi or the sisters in Kappa Phi Lambda. Students identifying as Latinx may find their family with the sisters of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad (Lambda Pi Chi) or Señoritas Latinas Unidas (Sigma Lambda Upsilon). Regardless of how students identify or what they are interested in, the MGC can help them find their community of comrades at GW.

Outside of promoting diversity, the MGC plays a special role in coordinating and promoting the activities of its member chapters. The MGC works hard to encourage students to check out events put on by its chapters - most notably, the Lambda Pi Chi Annual International Women's Day Banquet. The ladies took on the beautiful City View Room this year, dawned in red dresses to celebrate the successes of the women before them. Also a success, was the Queer & Multicultural Winter Formal hosted alongside Allied in Pride. The formal brought out passionate performers and dazzling dance moves, making for an unforgettable night.

Aside from the gatherings and galas, the MGC and its member chapters work diligently to enhance cultural awareness. Panels, workshops, and education events were coordinated by the MGC and partnering prominent campus organizations like the Student Association. Although the second semester was cut short, the MGC had a successful year of creating a better campus environment for the groups that are marginalized the most.



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Multicultural Greek Councils

Delta Lambda Phi

Delta Lambda Phi at GW was recharted in 2018 and is the first fraternity for queer men. The fraternity is open to all who identify as men and emphasizes diversity and inclusion. The Brothers' philanthropy focuses on Casa Ruby and they host a drag show to raise money for the LGBTQ community. The chapter has won gold awards for service and community and bronze awards for scholarship and accountability. The current chapter president is Nathan Weaver.

Iota Nu Delta Fraternity, Inc.

Iota Nu Delta Fraternity, Inc. is a South Asian interest fraternity that was founded at GW on September 13th, 2003. It's mission is to serve, lead, and accomplish greater things in life. It also strives to promote understanding of South Asian culture. It stands by the principles of professional success, leadership, cultural awareness, and community service. The current chapter president is Yash Adroja.

Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

The Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.'s creed is "sisterhood, service, and cultural diversity". It's traditions at GW include the Annual Thanksgiving Potluck, a biannual photoshoot, and biannual sisterhood retreat. GW's chapter often comes in first place out of all Kappa chapters nationwide in service hours with their dedication to the greater DC community. Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. was founded at GW on May 10th, 2008 and it's current president is Sally Pak.

Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc./Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad

Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad was founded at GW on December 6th, 1997 as a Latina interest sorority. The sisters pride themselves as women of strength and women of character. Some of their goals include unifying women, promoting community service, advancing the Latino/Latina community, and professional development. The current chapter president is Jennifer Gomez.

Leo's
GW DELI

chapter spotlight

SIGMA LAMBDA UPSILON/ SENORITAS LATINAS UNIDAS SORORITY, INC.

The Alpha Gamma Chapter of Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc., was founded at The George Washington University on April 12, 2003. The values the chapter holds closest are leadership and service to the community. As leaders, they encourage one another to impact other organizations or departments on campus, remain informed and educated on what is relevant on campus, and gather the information that can be shared with students through events. The sisters host events such as Mass Incarceration Awareness Week and Love Yourself Month to encourage the campus to stay informed and involved in issues that impact many communities.

Service to the community, both within the GW campus or outside in the Washington, D.C. area, is something the chapter prides itself on. Whether they are volunteering at DC Books to Prisons or gathering students to write Valentine's Day letters to female domestic violence survivors, they are always striving to uplift local communities. They also worked with Jumpstart and the sorority's PEARLS program to support youth's literacy skills. All of these service experiences consistently drive the sisters to work to make impacts in communities and spaces.

One of the sisters favorite events they've hosted is Cafe con Leche, their annual open mic night! This event is always a great time, as students and staff can watch students perform songs, dances, poetry, and much more. The sisters foster an encouraging environment during the event to ensure that students feel comfortable and excited to perform their talents.

A favorite memory of the sisters was attending their sorority's National 32nd Convention that was held here in Washington, D.C. The National Leadership Team led great events such as a career fair and professional workshops for them to attend, as well as the Gala to celebrate one another as amazing, groundbreaking women. Not only did they get to meet amazing women, but the chapter was also awarded the sorority's National Awards for Community Service and Sisterhood!

What makes GW's chapter unique is the sisterhood amongst one another, as this motivates the sisters to continually work towards the goals and ideals of the sorority and GW. Whether it is professional, academic, or personal help, they fuel one another to be the best versions of themselves. Through events like Latinas of Excellence, they strive to create safe spaces where women are made aware that the chapter Hermanas are resources they can turn to when they need any guidance.

For the future of the chapter, the sisters hope that they continue to positively influence and impact the GW community and beyond. They are very passionate about being role models for women on campus and making sure that there is truly a space for them to be their authentic selves. Through the hosting of their events and supporting other organizations, the sisters hope that they continue fostering an environment where students' issues can be expressed and heard. They are passionate about using their voices as leaders to be in spaces that students may not be represented in to advocate for campus needs.

Multicultural Greek Councils

Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. is an Asian Interest Fraternity, and it's current GW chapter president is Eugene Lee. The brothers stand for academic achievement, cultural awareness, righteousness, friendship, and loyalty. They promote Asian Awareness throughout the community, with goals to combat racism and discrimination. The current chapter president is Eric Li.

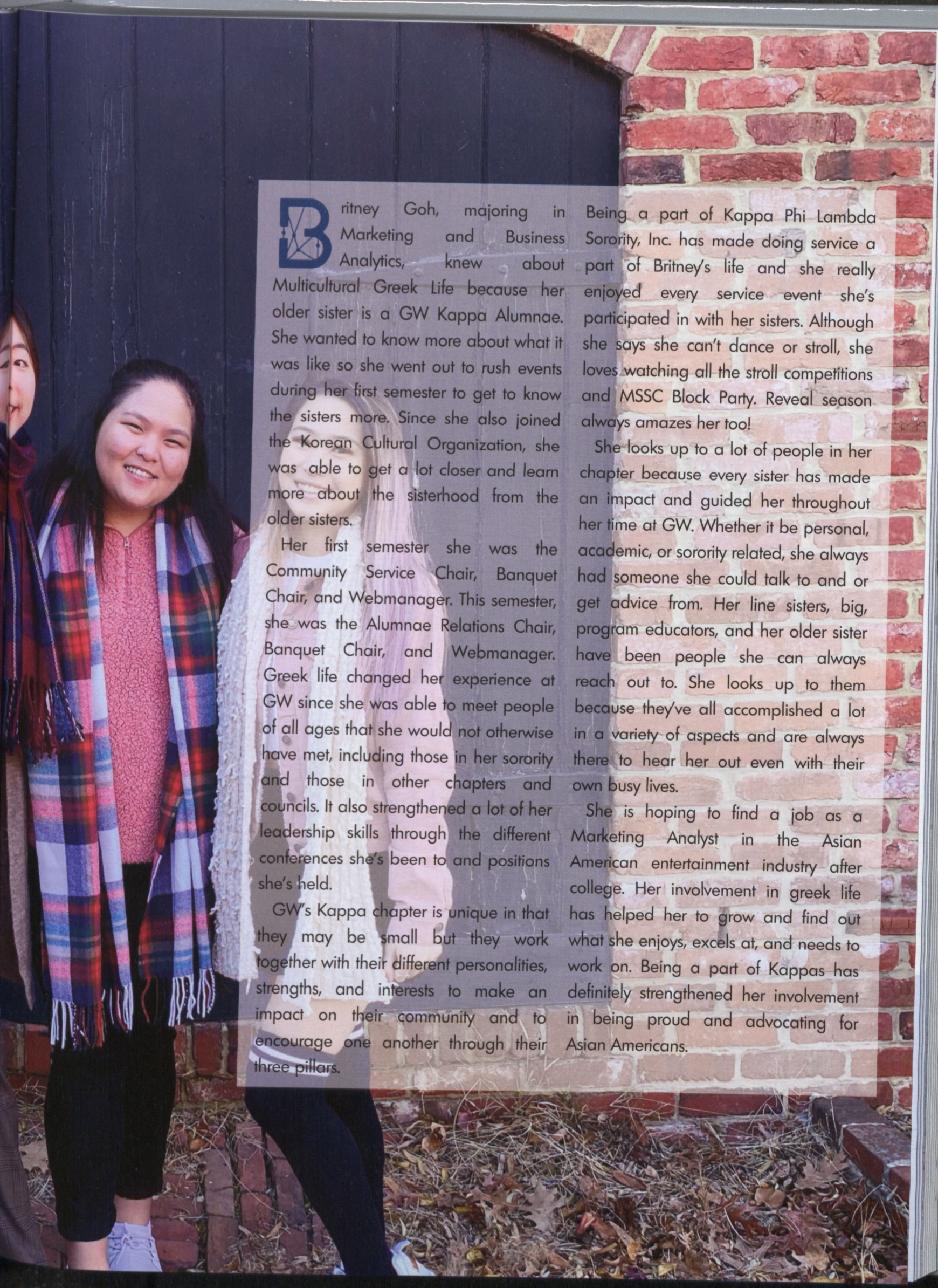
Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Senoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority, Inc./ Senorita Latinas Unidas is a Latina interest sorority, which was founded at GW on April 12, 2003. It's ideals are sisterhood, academic excellence, leadership, service to the community and campus, and cultural enrichment. The sisters strive to prove that women of color can make a difference and hope to empower fellow Latinas. Their GW chapter president is Samantha Polanco.

Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.

Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. is a progressive multicultural sorority that encourages women of color to become strong and independent leaders. The sisters are dedicated to combat violence against women for their philanthropy. The sorority has a partnership with It's On US, a White House initiative to combat college sexual assault. It's motto is "Lead From the Front" and their current chapter president is Olivia Zhai.

student spotlight
BRITNEY GOH



Britney Goh, majoring in Marketing and Business Analytics, knew about Multicultural Greek Life because her older sister is a GW Kappa Alumnae. She wanted to know more about what it was like so she went out to rush events during her first semester to get to know the sisters more. Since she also joined the Korean Cultural Organization, she was able to get a lot closer and learn more about the sisterhood from the older sisters.

Her first semester she was the Community Service Chair, Banquet Chair, and Webmanager. This semester, she was the Alumnae Relations Chair, Banquet Chair, and Webmanager. Greek life changed her experience at GW since she was able to meet people of all ages that she would not otherwise have met, including those in her sorority and those in other chapters and councils. It also strengthened a lot of her leadership skills through the different conferences she's been to and positions she's held.

GW's Kappa chapter is unique in that they may be small but they work together with their different personalities, strengths, and interests to make an impact on their community and to encourage one another through their three pillars.

Being a part of Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. has made doing service a part of Britney's life and she really enjoyed every service event she's participated in with her sisters. Although she says she can't dance or stroll, she loves watching all the stroll competitions and MSSC Block Party. Reveal season always amazes her too!

She looks up to a lot of people in her chapter because every sister has made an impact and guided her throughout her time at GW. Whether it be personal, academic, or sorority related, she always had someone she could talk to and or get advice from. Her line sisters, big, program educators, and her older sister have been people she can always reach out to. She looks up to them because they've all accomplished a lot in a variety of aspects and are always there to hear her out even with their own busy lives.

She is hoping to find a job as a Marketing Analyst in the Asian American entertainment industry after college. Her involvement in greek life has helped her to grow and find out what she enjoys, excels at, and needs to work on. Being a part of Kappas has definitely strengthened her involvement in being proud and advocating for Asian Americans.

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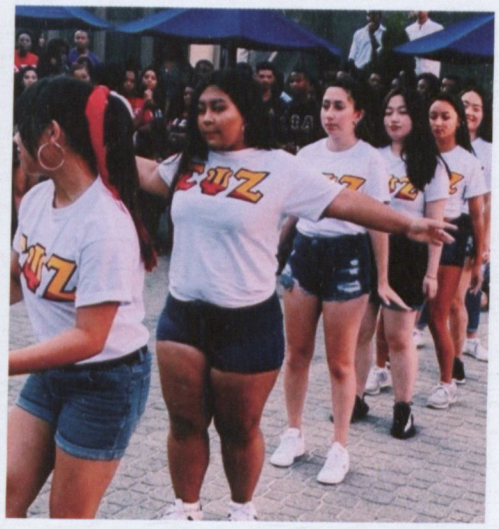


multicultural greek council EVENTS

Similarly to other greek councils, Multicultural Greek Chapters spend a large portion of their time dedicated to planning events for members, planning campus events, and working with local or national philanthropies. Philanthropy and service are pillars of the Multicultural Greek Council that are extremely important to the members and many chapters work with a variety of philanthropies ranging anywhere from national organizations to smaller local organizations to benefit the DC community.

Events that MGC chapters put on are often events to raise awareness or money for these philanthropies, but they often have social events for members to get to know each other more or to engage with the GW community.

Many MGC chapters also participate in the tradition of strolling and compete against other schools and chapters throughout the year.

Whether it be small bonding events to get to know new members or a campus wide fundraiser for a philanthropy, MGC chapters put on spectacular events that showcase each chapter's values, mission and diversity that they add to the GW community.

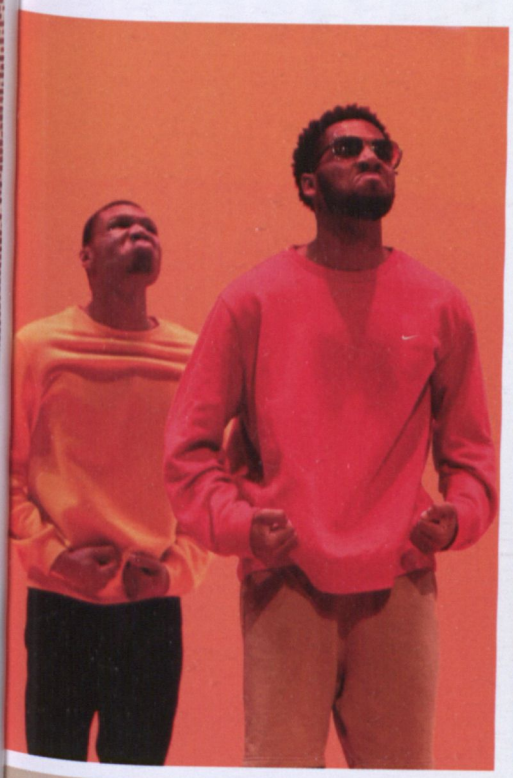
NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC council

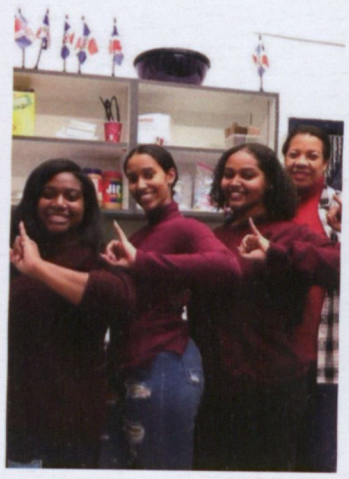
GW's National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is composed of six chapters - three sororities and three fraternities - unified under one umbrella organization. The three sororities include Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, and Zeta Phi Beta. The fraternities include Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, and Phi Beta Sigma. Together these chapters make up a portion of the "Divine Nine," a council of historically black fraternities and sororities. Originally launched in 1930 at GW's DC neighbor, Howard University, the NPHC finally made it to GW in 2019 and celebrated its first birthday on campus this year.

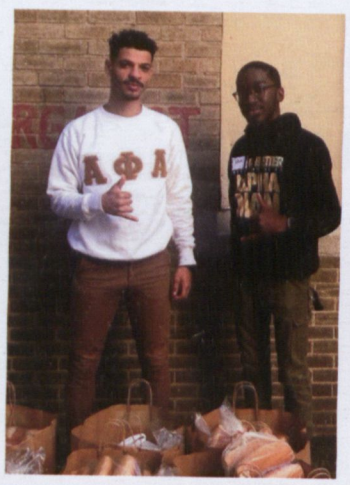
The NPHC is a respected council on every university campus. Formed to unite black students and engage in community service, the NPHC has established itself as the epitome of Fraternity & Sorority Life at GW. These black Greek-letter organizations have cultivated an environment of inclusion and promoted diversity on campus and in the District as a whole.

While the NPHC focuses heavily on volunteer work, their community involvement reaches far and wide. The council has been known to host cookouts, panels, and of course their annual step show. Stepping is a unique dance that uses the entire body as an instrument to make elaborate sounds that form impressive rhythms. The show filled Lisner Auditorium with hand clapping, spoken word, and stomps on February 20. The performance brought out the masses for a worthy cause. This year the GW NPHC chapter adopted two year-old Leukemia survivor, Kristian Thomas. The NPHC welcomed Kristian and his family into their buff and blue family and donated a portion of the profits to cover his medical expenses.

It is safe to say that the NPHC's presence on campus will only become more prominent, changing the face of the campus community forever.







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National Pan-Hellenic Councils

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

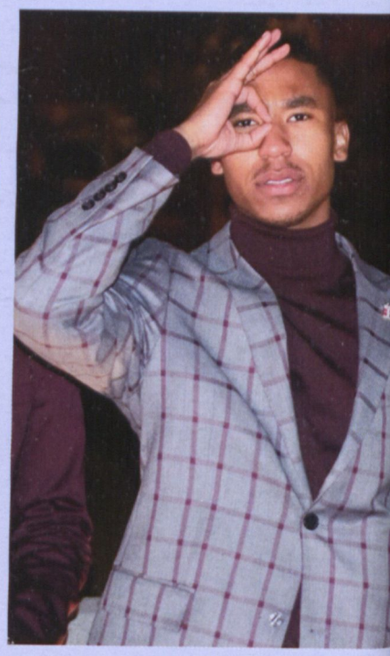
The Most Dynamic Mu Delta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was established at GW on March 11, 1978 as a sorority for women of African descent. It received the North Atlantic Region 2015 Chapter of the Year Award. Its current president is Olivia Gumbs. Its mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind".

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is an African interest fraternity and was charted at GW on May 22nd, 1977. Its mission is to develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for their communities. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. holds the annual Miss Black and Gold pageant for bright young women to compete with their poise and talent. It also hosts the Step Up Your Game Charity Show, benefitting the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sustainability Award, The March for Babies, and the Black Genesis Scholarship Foundation. GW's chapter president is Chukwuma Okoro.

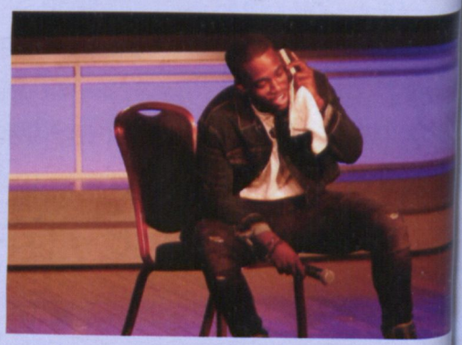
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

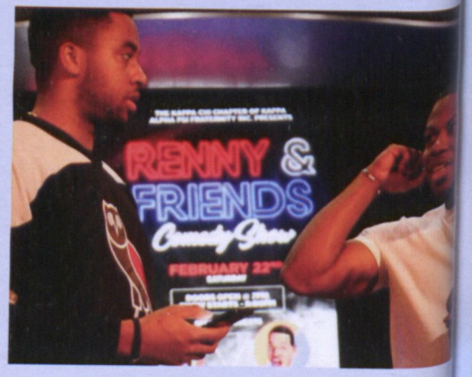
GW's chapter president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is Jessica Hale. This sorority's mission is commitment to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community. Worldwide, this sorority focuses its public service efforts through its Five Point Programmatic Thrust involving educational development, economic development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement.

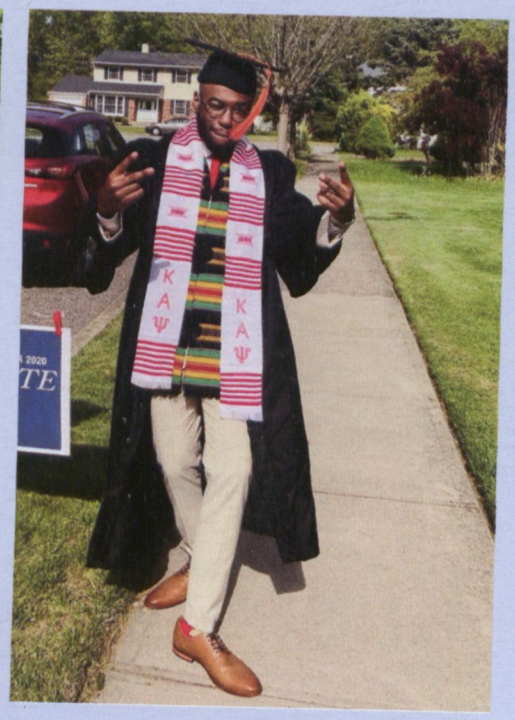


chapter spotlight

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.







The Kappa Chi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Incorporated was chartered September 12th, 1981. The Kappa Chi chapter was chartered at American University but includes brothers from American, Catholic, Georgetown and The George Washington University. Since its inception the chapter has held a steadfast reputation of bright, determined, and exceptional men in its ranks. Through leadership and service the Kappa Chi chapter has maintained a strong legacy, and will continue to do so in the coming years. The fundamental purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi is achievement. The brothers demonstrate achievement in all aspects of their lives including school work, philanthropy and campus engagement. Kappa Chi has specifically committed themselves to serving the DC community. This year the brothers of Kappa Chi from all campuses came together and hosted an event about sneakers, teaching the community the best ways to buy and sell sneakers.

Along with their commitment to national and local service the Kappa Chi Chapter is known on campus for their continued success as a brotherhood. Each year the chapter also participates in a host of GW's events, including the annual step show.

Through continued efforts, the brothers of the Kappa Chi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Inc. have proven themselves to be a leader in maintaining the spirit of black excellence both on campus and off.

National Pan-Hellenic Councils

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. chapter at GW was founded on September 12, 1981. This fraternity aims to raise the sights of Black youth and stimulate them to accomplishments higher than might otherwise be realized or imagined. Its current GW chapter president is Naseem Haamid. Its mission statement is achievement in every field of human endeavor.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded to help assimilate its Black brothers into the community. A few key points from its mission include focus and commitment to humanity, exhibiting ethical behavior, encouraging relationships with other Greek organizations, a strong commitment to service, and strengthening its brotherhood. It emphasizes bigger and better business, education, and social action in all of its programs. GW's chapter president is Oscar Barrios.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

The GW chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded in the fall of 2004. It focuses its philanthropy on the March of Dimes Walk, the Ronald McDonald House, and Z-Hope events. The GW chapter has won the Silver Award for Office of Greek Life Chapter Excellence. This sorority believe strongly in the concepts in scholarship, service, sisterly love, and finer womanhood. GW's chapter president is Victoria Garner.

Imani Moss' mom has been a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., since Imani was a little girl. From Atlanta, GA, Greek life was a lot more prevalent than in other parts of the nation. Imani remembers going to chapter meetings with her mom and participating in events her chapter hosted for the community. Imani had always wanted to be a member of the organization, as it embodies much of who she is. Imani says that the familiarity of sisterhood makes her feel at home.

Imani served as the President of the Mu Delta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. this year. It added a huge network to her GW experience. Before joining the organization, she was solely focused on her individual college journey, including her major in International Business and minor in International Affairs, not taking into account how her actions affected the community around her. She didn't know any faculty or staff beyond the few she interacted with in the classroom. When she joined AKA, she was welcomed by so many new people. There were so many resources within her own community that she had no exposure to prior to becoming a member of AKA. Ultimately, she is thankful that greek life was a part of her GW experience.

Mu Delta at GW has always been a relatively small chapter. Imani thinks this makes the chapter more intimate and the connections between members deeper. She have been able to develop lifetime connections with current and past members within Mu Delta.

Two of her favorite memories of Greek life were her probate (initiation) and the event that the chapter hosted called Black Love. Her probate was one of the greatest moments at GW, because it solidified her place in the community as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. All of her friends and family members were there to see her cross into an organization that she had longed to be a part of since she was a little girl. The Black Love event was something that the chapter orchestrated for the black community to talk about relationships and love at GW. It was an insightful conversation and Imani was really proud to be a part of it.

One person that Imani looks up to within her chapter is her prophyte (big sister), Cydeny Solomon. Imani says she has been a great mentor to her before, after, and during her time in the Mu Delta chapter. Even after she graduated in 2018, Cydeny still checks in on Imani and asks her about my undergraduate activities. Imani is hoping to pursue a career in fashion media. She's always had a passion for fashion and style and would like to use that in conjunction with her degree. While Greek life didn't inspire this dream, it sure created an environment where Imani was comfortable being herself and expressing her passions.

Imani hopes AKA grows, and brings in members, like her, who embody the true spirit of Mu Delta, and have a commitment for service, leadership and sisterhood. Imani thinks the chapter has great potential to be better but needs to focus on building and strengthening the network already present within the chapter.

student spotlight

IMANI MOSS

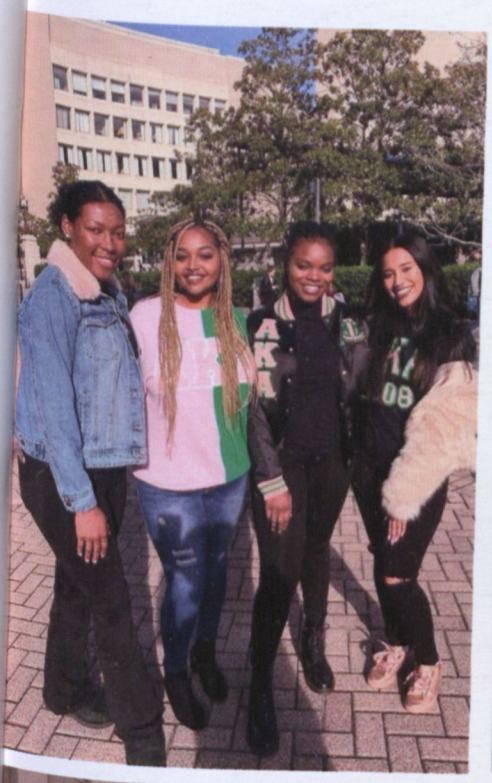
national pan-hellenic council EVENTS

All of the National Pan-Hellenic Councils at GW devote their time to excelling in philanthropy, service and fostering a community with a strong brotherhood or sisterhood in their chapters. This can be seen through the events that fill the council calendar, as well as individual chapter calendars throughout the year.

Each chapter has at least one organization if not more that they spend their time raising money and awareness for this organization's cause. Some chapters chose to partner with national organizations that their chapter on a national level supports, or other chapters have found organizations where they can make an impact in the local DC area. No matter the organization the NPHC chapters at GW have put on amazing events and have made impactful change.

When chapters aren't busy with philanthropy or service events, the NPHC and individual chapters hold social events and give members the opportunity to meet and network with another. NPHC at GW has been committed to creating a community where members feel at home and supported by other members in their chapter. Members of these NPHC chapters always speak highly of the people they have met and memories that they made being a part of their chapter.

Despite being sent home half way through spring semester due to the Coronavirus pandemic, chapters maintained committed to fostering connections between their members and making impactful change even if it was virtually. The members of NPHC are eager to be able to return to campus, and find new ways to serve their communities and their members.



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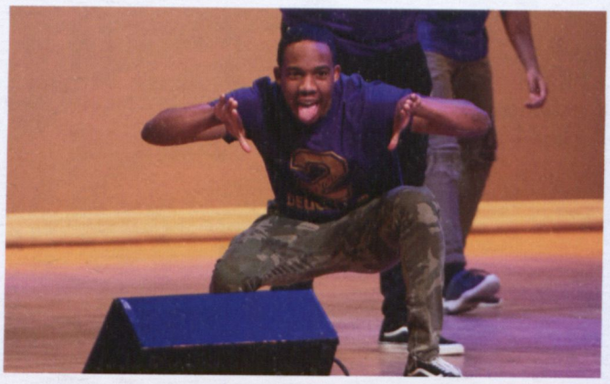

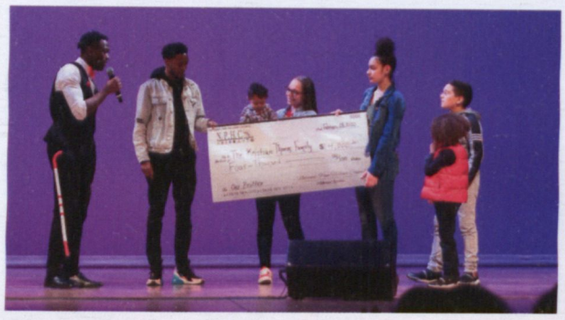

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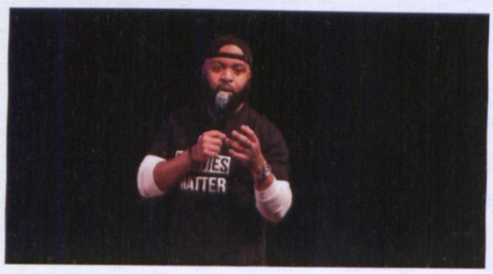

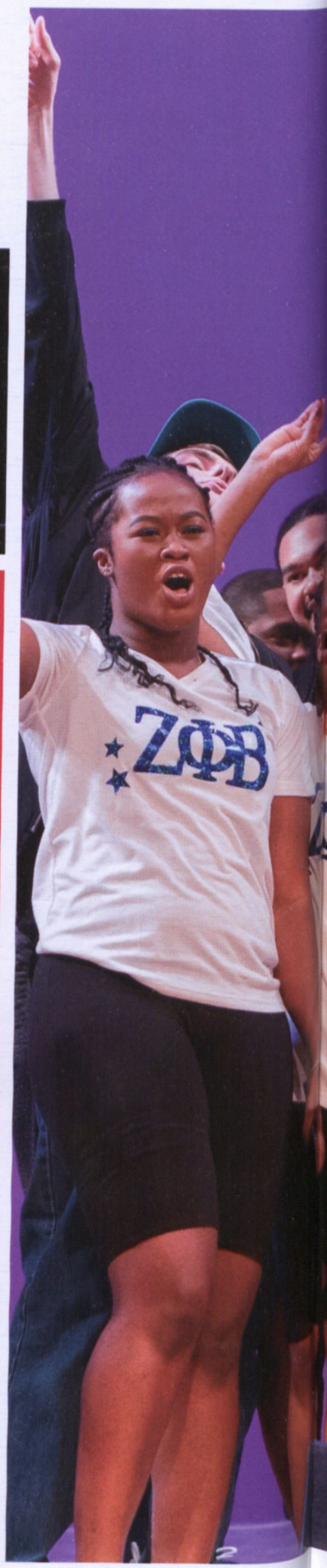
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NPHC step show

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is an organization that serves to oversee many historically black fraternities and sororities. GW is home to six NPHC chapters, including three sororities and three fraternities. This year, the NPHC hosted its annual Step Show, a dance competition between these sororities and fraternities from around the DMV, at Lisner Auditorium.

The show was held on Friday, February 28th and drew a large and enthusiastic crowd. This year's host was comedian Mr. Bankshot. This year's Step Show served as the closing event for GW's Black Heritage Celebration which took place in February and included many other exciting and enriching events. At the Step Show, a portion of all proceeds were donated to an incredible two-year-old cancer survivor named Kristian Thomas. Kristian was "adopted" by GW's NPHC chapter earlier this year through the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation. The group was able to donate four thousand dollars to Kristian and his family.

The demonstration of skill at the show was phenomenal. Every group had a creative and unique stepping routine, and the show was a wonderful celebration of this art form. They had coordinated costumes, some of which were references to television shows such as The Proud Family and Codename: Kids Next Door. The winner of this year's competition was sorority Zeta Phi Beta.

ALTERNATIVE greek council

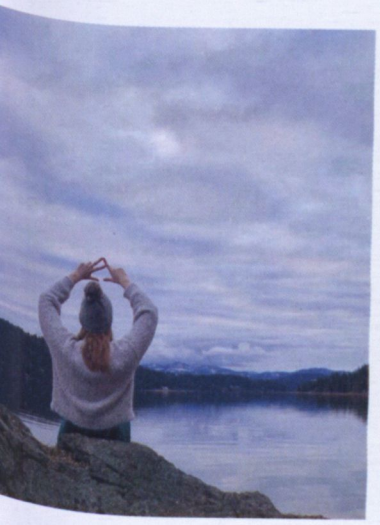
Over 2,500 undergraduate students choose to get involved in Greek Life on campus, whether it be a professional or service-based community. This is where the Alternative Greek Council (AGC) comes in. Students interested in joining a fraternity or sorority but are looking for a different option from the social Greek organizations often find their place in the alternative options.

The council currently includes nine member chapters: Alpha Phi Omega, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Kappa Pi, Phi Sigma Pi, Sigma Iota Rho, Alpha Kappa Psi, Delta Sigma Pi, Alpha Omega Epsilon and Beta Alpha Psi.

Each organization was formed on a common interest, though the interests vary greatly within the council. Many of the chapters are co-ed; however, they are considered fraternities. Most prominently are the interest and community service fraternities. The kind hearted brothers at Alpha Phi Omega engage in a number of campus-based volunteer opportunities throughout the year while Alpha Kappa Psi works on developing the world's next best business leaders through workshops and guest speakers.

Each chapter draws in students with a common passion, making for a diverse Alternative Greek Council.

The AGC works to promote the often overlooked professional and service chapters of Greek life at the University. The council also serves the member chapters through coordinating fundraisers and events, strengthening the bonds between members of Alternative Greek Life on campus and beyond. Without the AGC, there would be no facilitation of communication, cooperation, and collaboration within the Alternative Greek community.



Alternative Greek Councils

Alpha Kappa Psi

Alpha Kappa Psi is the oldest and largest business fraternity in the world. It is co-ed and is dedicated to advancing the future business leaders of the world. It's mission is to further the welfare of its members, foster scientific research, educate the public to appreciate and demand higher ideals, and promote and advance in institutions of college rank, leading to degrees in business administration. This organization hosts the Ready, Set, Grow! Conference annually, partnering with leading companies in business related fields such as marketing and consulting to foster professional development and networking. It also holds Philanthropy Week to engage its members in service throughout the DC community.

Alpha Omega Epsilon

Alpha Omega Epsilon is a social and professional engineering sorority. The sorority promotes unity, friendship, professionalism, and tradition. The sisters believe in integrity, character, honesty, self confidence, and upholding financial responsibilities. They strive to inspire well rounded engineers and technical scientists and the national foundation invests in opportunities for professional development of women in engineering.

Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega is a co-ed, student led service organization that values leadership, friendship, and service. It is partnered with numerous service organizations around the Greater DC Area such as the DC Central Kitchen, Martha's Table, and Relay for Life. In addition, it is also committed to service with campus organizations such as GroW Garden, GW Alternative Breaks, and the Freshman Day of Service. The brothers of Alpha Phi Omega are diverse, from undergraduate students to medical students, and from all ethnicities. Upon joining, Alpha Phi Omega brothers gain a well rounded palette of service to the community. The current chapter president is Michael Rodriguez.

Beta Alpha Psi

Beta Alpha Psi is an honor society for financial information students. The society's purpose is to celebrate academic excellence, facilitate professional development, foster responsible practices, advocate for education, and shape education. Members are encouraged to be ethical, professional, and confident leaders. The rising sun emblem of the society signifies the increased importance of professional positions.

Delta Sigma Pi

Delta Sigma Pi is a co-ed professional business fraternity with many GW alumni working at top business related firms like Deloitte, Accenture, Hilton, and Macys. The fraternity's purpose is to encourage scholarship, social activity, affiliation among the commercial world and students of commerce, and to further a high standard of ethics in the commercial world. The brothers have participated in a variety of charitable efforts such as planting trees to helping shelter dogs. The current chapter president is Jodie Lian.

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chapter spotlight
SIGMA IOTA RHO

Sigma Iota Rho was founded at GWU in the early 1990s. SIRs stated values are prudence, ideals and power. These revolve around the values held by international affairs practitioners. The chapter practices professionalism, intellectual curiosity, mentorship and respect. The first two are implemented through professional development and academic events that are hosted throughout the year for members and the general public. The second components, mentorship and respect, point towards the chapter's heavy emphasis on community. Sigma Iota Rho is an incredibly diverse group of 120 students, but also works to maintain a common sense of community. This is done through developing mentorship outlets for members, and having respect towards everyone within the group.

One of the chapter's favorite memories from this past year was an alumni-student networking event they put on. Nearly 20 SIR alumni came back to the Elliott School to chat with and meet new members. For upperclassmen, it was fantastic to reconnect with old friends, while it also demonstrated the reach of those who are a part of this community. This event was an incredible memory for many members, and in addition, was recognized for commitment to engaging alumni and professionalism with two Excellence in Student Engagement Awards.

SIR hopes that its chapter will continue to maintain its sense of community and inspire connections between members that last long after graduation. Its members hope their chapter will continue to be an active member of the GW community while promoting respectful and impactful discussions about the real issues facing our world today.

Alternative Greek Councils

Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Epsilon Sigma Alpha is the only community service sorority at GW and is almost 100 sisters large. It hopes to excel in community education, service, and philanthropy. It's motto is "Sisterhood through Service". Last year, it completed 3,109 hours of service with over 45 organizations in DC. The Sisters focus their philanthropy on St. Jude's and host the Gobblefest for Thanksgiving to raise money. Teams race to finish their plates of food and collect donations to support St. Jude's. Their current chapter president is Samantha Treiman.

Kappa Pi

Kappa Pi is an international honor society for students interested in art and is new at GW this year. The official colors of the co-ed Fraternity are purple and gold and the flower is the Purple Iris to represent excellence. The Sketchbook is the official Kappi Pi magazine and The Sketch Pad is the official newspaper.

Phi Sigma Pi

Phi Sigma Pi is a co-ed National Honor Fraternity dedicated to promoting lifelong learning, inspiring Members to lead, and cultivating lasting fraternal bonds. It was founded at GWU on February 23rd, 1994 and is committed to social learning by advancing its principles of scholarship, leadership, and fellowship. In order to rush this Fraternity, students must have at least a 3.0 GPA and have completed 15 credit hours at GW. This network of brothers enriches academic endeavors and deep friendships. The current chapter president is Anna Steiner.

Sigma Iota Rho

Sigma Iota Rho is a co-ed honors society at the Elliott School. It hosts a number of events at GW, inviting distinguished guests such as Jane Lute (UN Assistant Secretary General), Elizabeth Jones (Former Assistant Secretary of State), and Edward Allen (Senior Fellow at Council on Foreign Relations). It's philanthropy is focused on the American Refugee Council and the Center for Civilians in Conflict for humanitarianism. It's current chapter president is Anna Gallicchio.

student spotlight
MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ

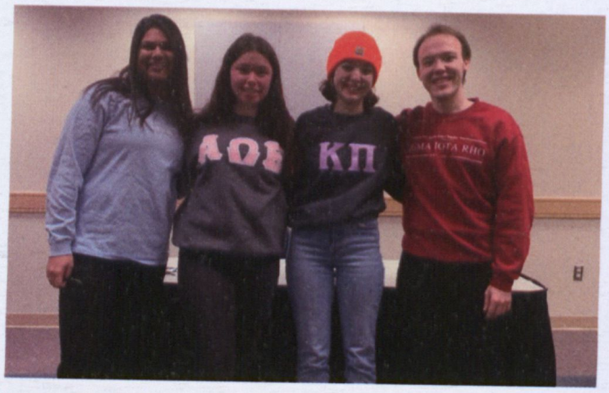
Michael Rodriguez currently serves as the President of GW's Alpha Phi Omega chapter, a gender-inclusive service fraternity. He is from Westfield, NJ and is majoring in Psychology & Cognitive Neuroscience, and minoring in American Studies. He is also one of the trip leaders for the GW Alternative Breaks trip to Tahlequah, OK to serve alongside the Cherokee Nation community. He's served as a site leader for GW's MLK Day of Service and Welcome Day of Service. Aside from service, he works as a writing consultant at the GW Writing Center and is starting to help one of his professor's in her WAVE research lab.

Michael rushed Alpha Phi Omega (APO) his first semester at GW because he had previously done an early move-in program called CBC that focused on community service in DC and wanted to find more ways to get involved and to make connections on GW's campus. One of the people he met at CBC told him about APO and he saw it as a perfect fit!

APO's three pillars are leadership, friendship and service. Michael believes these are very important and he has learned so much about these three seemingly simple topics from being a part of the organization. He says he has made meaningful connections at GW, in DC and in the greater DMV area through service because of the opportunities APO has given him. Additionally, he has made incredible friends and learned more about himself as a leader, friend and civically-engaged citizen.

He isn't sure about what he wants to do after college but he wants to apply what he's learned and gained from service to his career path. Since his psychology degree allows a wide range of possibilities, he hopes to end up in a place where he can continue to work towards issues he cares about like educational equity, LGBTQIA+ rights and social justice.

He envisions that APO continues to foster a sense of community for its members. APO is filled with "bright, kind, hard-working, incredible people" and he hopes that they continue to grow and to expand their relationships with the Alt Greek, GW, DC and greater DMV communities.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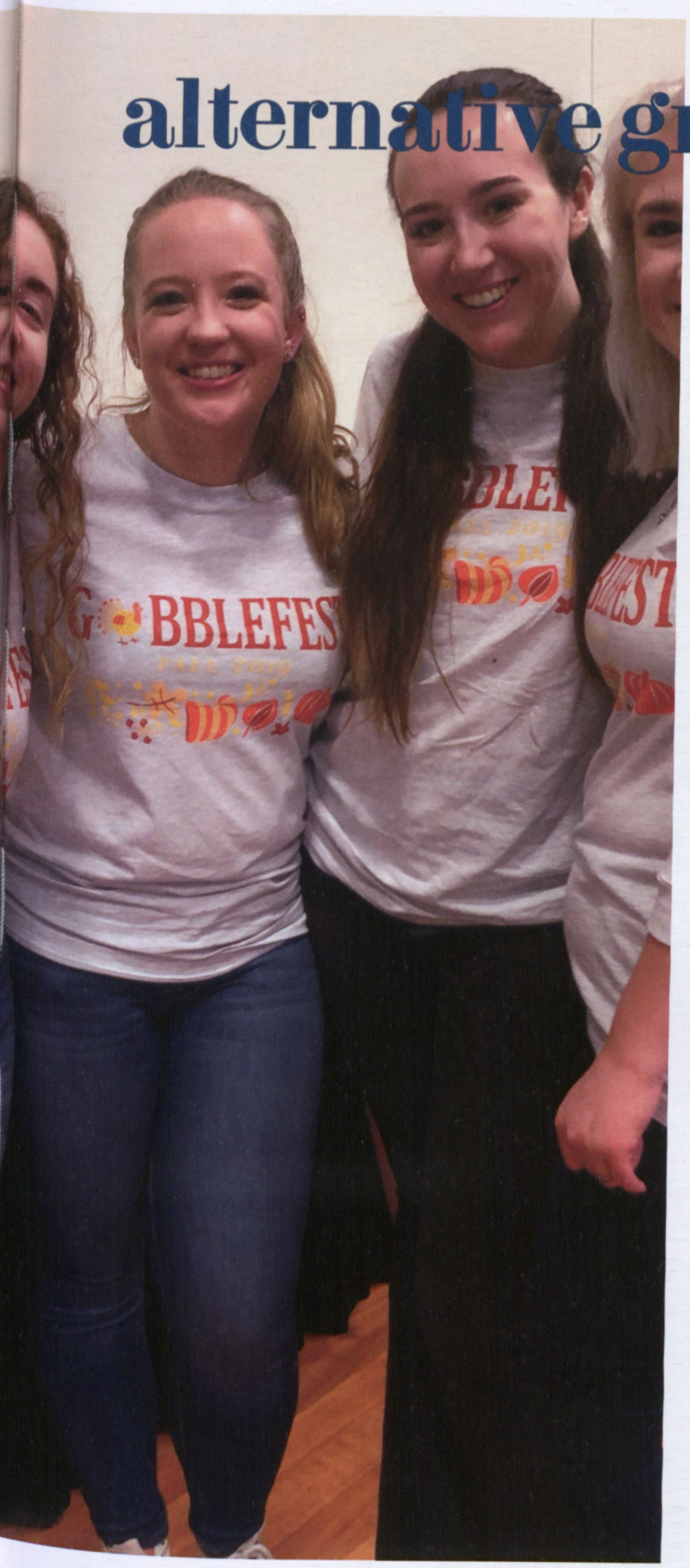

As with the other governing organizations, the Alternative Greek Council encourages all member chapters to adopt a philanthropy and/or community service project. With all the distinct interest groups forming the Alternative Greek Council, the philanthropic causes championed by each organization are diverse. Each year, the member chapters raise over $2,000 for their philanthropic causes through individual efforts. Profit shares with favorite restaurants on campus are organized by nearly every chapter.

In addition to philanthropic events, AGC chapters also hold social events for their members to be able to connect, meet each other, and celebrate all the hard work they have done. While members of AGC chapters typically have at least one interest in common, social events allow members to expand their network and find more common interests that have the potential to lead to lifelong friendships.

Unfortunately, many spring events were not able to happen this year after students had to leave campus due to the Coronavirus pandemic. AGC members will still be able to look back on this year and remember the amazing events they were able to have, as well as the hard work their members put in to stay connected virtually.

PANHELLENIC association

Fraternity and sorority life at GW is an integral part of many students' experiences. The Panhellenic Association is comprised of ten chapters including; Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Phi, Chi Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Delta Tau, and Sigma Kappa.

Every spring the Panhellenic Association holds formal recruitment where chapters invite new members to join their sisterhood. This year prospective new members returned to campus a week before spring semester started for formal recruitment.

Once new members join the chapters, they are welcomed into a sisterhood that provides a home away from home, connections for future jobs and internships, and a support network that extends far beyond just Foggy Bottom and the sisters four years at GW.

The Panhellenic Association holds Panhel wide events throughout the year that are put on by members from each chapter. These events range from tabling about anti-hazing policies to inviting speakers to speak to the women of the Panhellenic Association. Chapters also hold individual chapter events throughout the year; these events are typically sisterhood, social or philanthropic events. No matter the event that is being put on, you are sure to see sisters coming together to support the work that others put in and the important causes they are raising awareness for.

Each sorority brings their own unique mission, philanthropy, and cause to the Panhellenic Association community. Students join these sororities with the hopes to find a community of like minded individuals that will support them and help them grow into the woman they strive to be.

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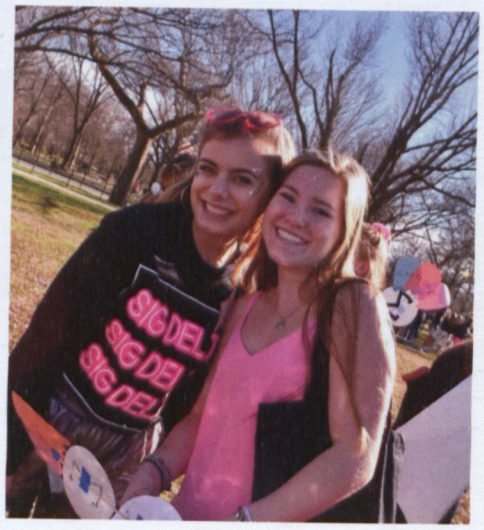


Prior to the return of most students this Spring Semester, hundreds of GW's driven young women returned to campus early, all with one thing on their minds; Formal Recruitment. And, after a long four days of the Panhellenic tradition, many Potential New Members received a bid from one of the ten Panhellenic sororities GW has. With the excitement of being welcomed into their new home on campus, New Members and Current Sisters got ready for one of the biggest celebrations the Panhellenic Association holds each year. On January 12th The Panhellenic Association celebrated its Formal Recruitment Bid Day. Ten chapters of the Panhellenic Association came together on the National Mall sporting props and outfits uniquely themed to their chapter. Chi Omega was seen welcoming their newest members in metallic silver and blue get ups reminiscent of the seventies with a bid day celebration titled "Welcome to the DisXΩ." Kappa Delta welcomes their new members with a futuristic "Year 3000" themed event, where they took their new recruits to... Sigma Kappa and Pi Beta Phi could be heard chanting their favorite recruitment songs, while Alpha Phi and others blasted their favorite songs from speakers. Current Sisters were ablaze with excitement at the prospect of all the new experiences that come with welcoming a new pledge class. Waving signs with new members' names and holding bags with new members' sorority swag, anyone passing by could feel the joy that comes from joining a Panhellenic sorority. When the time came, sisters stood together cheering, as their new members ran toward them, they were welcomed with hugs and introductions to sisters they hadn't met yet. While this celebration concluded the 2019-20 academic year's Formal Recruitment, for new members it was just the beginning to their time of being a Panhellenic woman.

Panhellenic Association

Alpha Delta Pi

The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi live by the motto "we live for each other". They hold many events throughout the year, such as crush parties and formals. A notable event is the Lion's Share Challenge, held in the spring. It calls for all fraternities to compete in a volleyball tournament on the National Mall. Their events are held for the benefit of the Ronald McDonald House charities. Their symbol is the diamond, and their flower is the woodland violet. Their current president is Marisa Liles.

Alpha Epsilon Phi

The Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority prides individuality and in creating a sense of friendship and belonging amongst its sisters. It focuses its philanthropy on not one, but two organizations. They fundraise for Sharsheret, a national organization dedicated to help Jewish women fighting breast cancer, and for the Elizabeth Glazer Pediatric Aids Foundation, which aims to eliminate childhood AIDS. Its flower is the lily and its mascot is the giraffe. It's current president is Sonia Holstein.

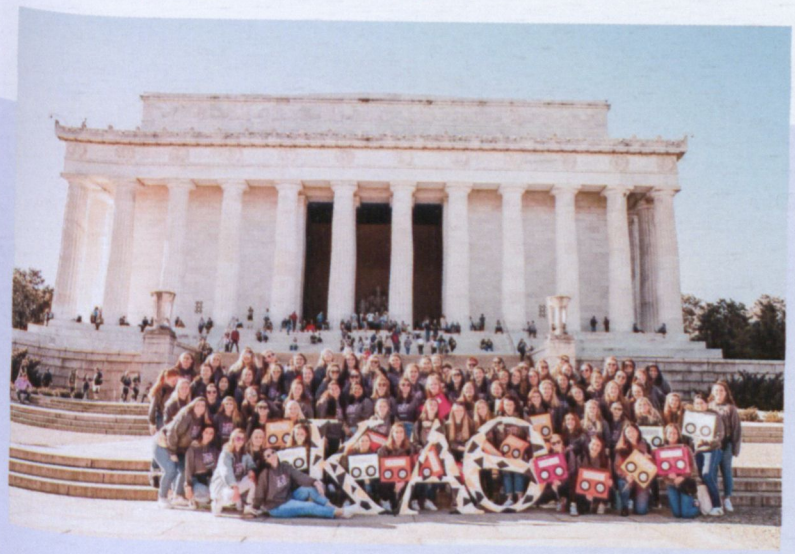
Alpha Phi

Alpha Phi's mission statement is to support one another in lifelong achievement. It promotes the growth of character, unity of feeling, sisterly affection, and social communion among its members. It's philanthropy focuses on the Heart to Heart Cardiac Care organization for women's cardiac research. Alpha Phi is also active in the environment, and promotes environmental awareness and sustainability. The current president is Alexa Geider.

Chi Omega

The Sisters of Chi Omega stand for friendship, personal integrity, service to others, academic excellence and intellectual pursuits, community and campus involvement, and personal and career development. They are inspired to make a change in the world while keeping Chi Omega in their hearts. Their philanthropy is focused on the Make-A-Wish foundation. Their flower is the white carnation and their mascot is the owl. Their current president is Laurel Braaten.

Kappa Alpha Theta



The Kappa Alpha Theta's mission is to offer its sisters the opportunity for intellectual and personal growth. It's vision is to lead its sisters to personal excellence through lifelong sisterhood. It's philanthropy support the Theta Foundation and the National Court Appointed Special Advocates Association. It's annual philanthropy event called the Day of Service is held on its founder's birthday (Oct. 19). GW's current chapter president is Katherine Keiser.

chapter spotlight
CHI OMEGA

Chi Omega originally founded on campus in 1903, left campus in the 1960s, and returned in 2009. Chi O leases the top two floors of Strong Hall at GW. Normally, a lot of its sophomores live in Strong. The rooftops, common room, and shared kitchen help create a sense of community within the new members. Senior Brunch is a favorite memory because sisters get to say goodbye to some truly cherished members of its chapter.

Chi Omega states its core values as friendship, personal integrity, service to others, academic excellence and intellectual pursuits, community and campus involvement, and personal and career development. It hosts programming throughout the year which can include resume and cover letter workshops, alumni networking, intramural sports teams, leadership trainings, fundraising for Make-A-Wish, study hours, and movie nights. While those more clearly link to some of its national values and goals, Chi O recognizes that GW's org/internship/busy culture motivates students who have a myriad of interests. So, a lot of the work that Chi O does is to support the interests of its sisters as they contribute to networks of service, growth, and excellence as a Chi O. Wish Week, Chi O's philanthropy week, always sticks out as a highlight. Of course, the money raised and work put into the week are exciting and impressive, but it's also the time when the chapter is the most "all hands on deck". The people who live off-campus, or work full time you may not see as frequently make it a point to play a role for those five days. Additionally, one of its sisters has started hosting Real Talks on topics like adjusting to home life and the related difficulties or worries related to that. Finding ways to connect and promote sisterhood after leaving DC proves daunting at moments, and seeing people take action to care for and check in on each other is one of the reasons Chi O's sisters find the organization memorable.

Chi Os are all over. They're athletes, performers, student leaders, club organizers, interns and, of course, students. You see Chi Os in every aspect of student life. They love being involved in activities they are passionate about, be them political, athletic, academic, artistic, or otherwise. Both Best Buddies and AMWA (American Medical Women's Association) at GW were started by/with Chi Os this year.

Fundraising for Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic, a subsidiary of Chi O's national philanthropy, remains one of the most prominent ways in which Chi O works for the greater area.

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Panhellenic Association

Kappa Delta

Kappa Delta's mission statement is to strive for which is honorable, beautiful, and highest. It's mascot is the teddy bear and flower is the white rose. It's philanthropy is for the benefit of the Girl Scouts o USA and the Prevent Child Abuse America organization. This Sorority holds workshops every year focused on its PACE principles - personal presence, attitude, communication, and enlarging our world. It is also a member of the Confidence Coalition, which strives to promote self confidence in women and empower them. GW's current chapter president is Emory Loescher.

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Kappa Kappa Gamma's flower is the iris, to represent their dignity and grace. Its mascot is the owl, to represent their wisdom. It's stone is the sapphire, to embody the sisters truth, sincerity, and constancy. It host Kappa Kickball every fall, a kickball tournament for all students and fraternities. All the proceeds go towards the benefit of the Reading is Fundamental organization. The sorority also holds the Reading is Key philanthropy event to distribute books to underprivileged children in the DC area. It's current chapter president is Sarah Smith.

Pi Beta Phi

Pi Beta Phi was founded in 1867 and its mission is to promote leadership and friendship, cultivate intellect and integrity, and enrich lives through community service. The Sisters of Phi Beta Phi gather in Strong Hall and their philanthropic effort is based around Read › Lead › Achieve which hopes to create a more literate society. They put on the "Champions are Readers" enrichment program for little kids and train with the Literacy Advocacy program to promote reading as a means to a more productive society. The current chapter president is Isabella Fazio.

Sigma Delta Tau

The Sisters of Sigma Delta Tau value individuality, connection, engagement, and community. Their chapter was founded in 1961 on 23rd St NW and they have won numerous awards throughout the years, such as the Diamond Chapter Award, the Outstanding Scholarship Program Award, and the Empowering Women Award. They focus their philanthropic efforts for three organizations: Prevent Child Abuse America, Jewish Women International, and Women for Women International. Their events consist of Sig Delt Soccer, Sig Delt Sweetheart, and Community Week. Their current chapter president is Lizzie Irwin.

Sigma Kappa

Sigma Kappa was founded at GW on February 24th, 1906. Sigma Kappa at GW supports not 1, but 5 national philanthropies: Sigma Kappa Foundation, Inherit the Earth, Gerontology, Maine Seacoast Mission, and Alzheimer's Research. It's fundraising efforts include profit shares, a movie event, a cocktail reception, and a 5K around the National Mall. It even hosts a "Senior Prom" at a local nursing home and crowns a king and queen at the end of the night. It's core values are sisterhood, self respect, and mutual respect. It's current chapter president is Carla Picasso.

student spotlight
ALEXA SABERITO

From Ringwood, NJ, Alexa Saberito is an active member of her sorority, Sigma Delta Tau, as well as in the Panhellenic Association, while studying History with a minor in Criminal Justice. She is the events director for GWPLSA, the pre-law student association on campus and works part time as a lifeguard at the Learner Health and Wellness Center.

She went through the formal recruitment process during the spring 2018 semester and joined Sigma Delta Tau. She realized that she enjoyed being in leadership roles, and wanted to be a leader in her chapter. In the fall of 2018, she ran for and was elected to be her chapter's President which she served for a year. Towards the end of her term, she decided to run for Panhellenic President because she saw an opportunity for her to make a difference in this community.

This organization is important to her because it has given her so many opportunities to grow as an individual. It has given her a community at GW. Since joining the Panhellenic Association, she felt more confident in her abilities as a student, friend, sister, and leader. Having the chance to give back to this community by serving as its leader has given her the platform to push this organization to its highest potential. The Panhellenic Association empowers and welcomes each other for the differences students bring to the table, and Alexa strives to continue to make sure the Association keeps doing that.

After graduating from GW, Alexa hopes to attend law school. She's always enjoyed studying constitutional and criminal law, and hopes to pursue a career in either field. One of her end goals is to become a Judge.

Alexa hopes that in the future, the Panhellenic Association will continue to be an open door for anyone on GW's campus who wants to join. She envision an organization full of people who empower each other, and encourage each other to always be the best versions of themselves. She hope this organization continues to grow and become more active around GW's campus.

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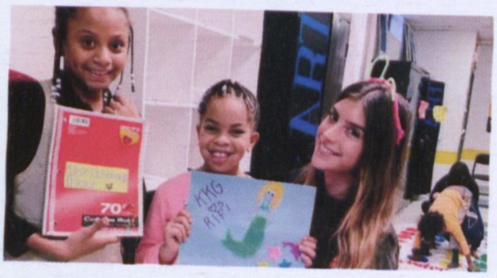

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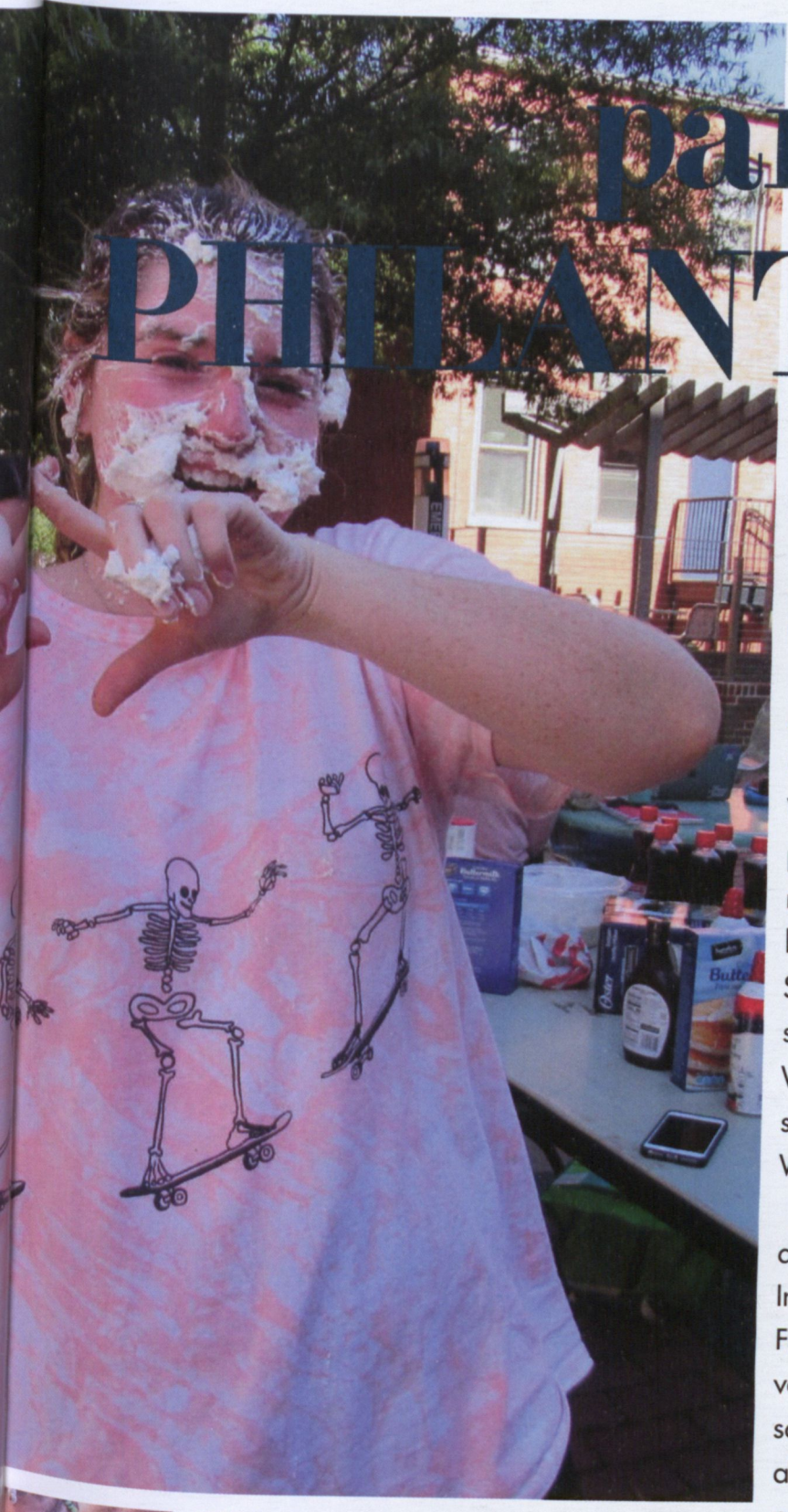


One of the core values of GW's Panhellenic Association involves the commitment to service and philanthropy. Throughout the school year, panhellenic chapters host events to give back to both local and wider causes.

The Sigma Delta Tau, also known as Sig Delt, chapter dedicates itself to three different causes: Prevent Childhood Abuse America, JWI, as well as Women for Women International. As part of one of their signature philanthropy weeks, Sig Delt involves other members of not only the greek community, but also the entire student body, to participate in a weeklong event called "Sig Delt Soccer". Various events such as penny wars and profit shares in addition to their signature event "Σ T Your Way Through DC" all occur throughout this week. This spring, Sigma Delta Tau raised over $3,000 for JWI and Women for Women International.

Throughout the year, the Panhellenic Chapters additionally take a hands-on approach to philanthropy. In support of their national philanthropy "Reading Is Fundamental", members of Kappa Kappa Gamma volunteer to be reading buddies, mentors and tutors to school-aged children. Panhellenic organizations are also frequently participating in other community-service projects on GW's campus. Many chapters participate in events such as Dance Marathon and Relay for Life; Kappa Alpha Theta's team was the top fundraising team for all of Dance Marathon this year.

While each chapter has their own cause that is important to their members, the Panhellenic Association makes participating in local, national and international causes a priority in its programming.

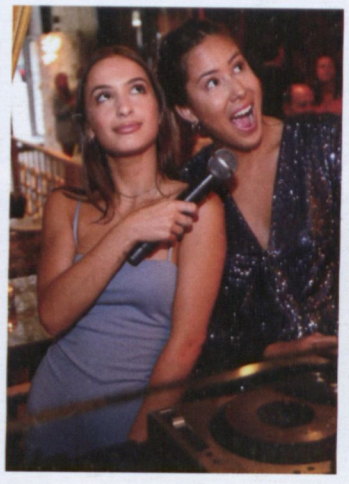
panhellenic SOCIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, the chapters within the Panhellenic Association hold a myriad of different social events for their members. This is in addition to events hosted by the Panhellenic Association, which are intended to foster inter-council community and sisterhood.

During the spring semester, the Panhellenic chapters were creative in their ways of bringing sisters closer together despite being far apart. Some of these events included pen pals in Pi Beta Phi and a "Zoom Yoga Class" for members in Sigma Kappa. Chi Omega made coming together a priority through crafting hours and virtual hangouts.

Every March, the Panhellenic Association hosts Month of Sisterly Love, also known as MOSL. MOSL is celebrated each year to foster a stronger sense of community as well as sisterhood. Throughout the month, the chapters participate in a variety of programming that is open to all members of the Panhellenic community. Throughout these events there are also multiple fundraising events which raise money for the National Panhellenic Council's philanthropy: Circle of Sisterhood, an organization that focuses on education for women and girls both academically and career-wise. Events during MOSL this year included "Destress with CHAARG" in which sisters were invited to join CHAARG for a time to destress and the International Women's Day Banquet which was hosted by Lambda Pi Chi and co-sponsored by the Panhellenic Association. The banquet took the concept of community further and fostered relationships outside of the Panhellenic Council.

Despite no longer being in the same place, the Panhellenic Chapters still found ways to come together to socialize and bond.

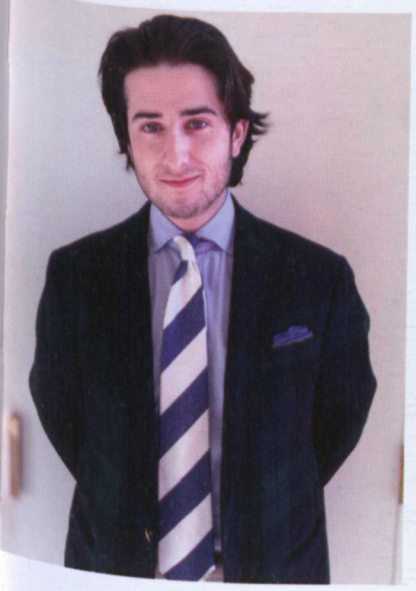


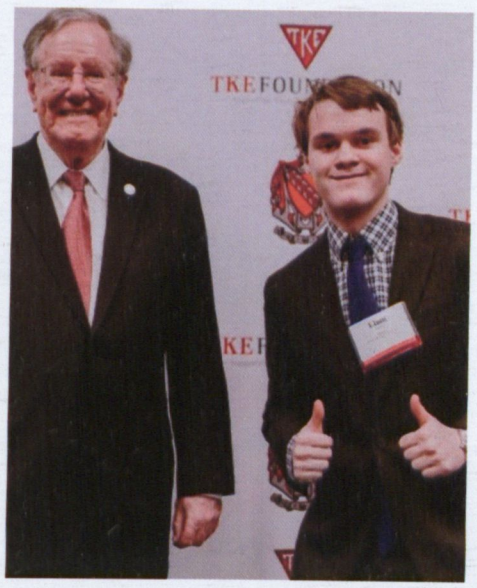
INTERFRATERNITY council

The Interfraternity Council at GW is a core part of fraternity and sorority life. IFC is made up of 12 chapters and is continuing to grow each year, as students charter chapters with new unique missions and goals. The chapters include; Alpha Sigma Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Zeta Beta Tau.

With such a diverse group of chapters, prospective new members have many options to find the right fit of brothers that represents their values and the characteristics they look for in a brotherhood. Hosting formal recruitment in the spring, any second semester student can participate to find their brotherhood. Once accepted into a fraternity, a new member is offered connections which last a lifetime and a chance to meet other members of the Interfraternity Council. Additionally, each member chapter is dedicated to giving back to the community through community service and fundraising.

Just as with the other governing organizations, the Interfraternity Council at GW represents an opportunity for those with common core values to come together to find like minded individuals. Further, the council monitors all chapters to ensure emphasis on "scholarship, service, active leadership, accountability and community."





Interfraternity Councils

Alpha Sigma Phi

Alpha Sigma Phi was formally established at GW last spring in 2019. The fraternity partners with 5 charities pertaining to each of its values: silence, charity, purity, honor, and patriotism. It leads philanthropic efforts for RAINN, Shatterproof, Aware Awake Alive, Active Minds, and Homes for our Troops. The current chapter president is Corday Cruz.

Beta Theta Pi

The Beta Theta Pi Fraternity was founded at GW on January 9th, 1994. Beta Theta Pi values brotherhood and their mission is to live a principled life. Their core values include mutual assistance, intellectual growth, trust, responsible conduct, and integrity. It's current president is David E. Quintero.

Delta Sigma Phi

Delta Sigma Phi's goal is to create men of courage, action, and excellence. Their motto is "Better Men. Better Lives." The chapter helps men to make their lives and their peers' lives better. It encourages religious and ethnic acceptance as well. GW's chapter president is Nikolai Bottitta.

Delta Tau Delta

The men of Delta Tau Delta value the principles of truth, faith, courage, and power. They are committed to excellence, brotherhood, leadership, community, and scholarship. They hold social events throughout the year to meet new people and expand their professional network. Their current president is Jacob Liedke.

chapter spotlight

KAPPA SIGMA

Kappa Sigma has been on campus since 1892, and was re-chartered in the mid 90's. Kappa Sigma has the largest fraternity house on campus, with Building JJ at 2031 F ST NW. Its members say that living there is one of the best experiences they have during college, especially that they are able to be in a building of 27 of their best friends. Living in the house is never-ending fun, whether it be never eating alone, or walking around at any time of day to find someone awake to talk to or hang out with. There is never a dull moment.

The values that Kappa Sigmas hold are four pillars: Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service. They strive to be the best brothers to each other and are there for each other no matter the circumstances. They have brothers who are working on presidential campaigns, lobbying initiatives, or any number of GW student-org executive boards. They take academics very seriously as well, through booking study rooms for brothers, having a dedicated study space in the fraternity house, and a dedicated academics chair whose job is to help anyone who is looking for academic assistance. The brothers do everything they can to make a positive impact in their community, no matter what community that may be at the time. With the advent of the COVID-19 crisis, they were able to raise money for food banks online, and support brothers with initiatives in their home communities.

Some of the brothers' favorite memories within the chapter have been just ordinary days with each other. Probably the most fun chapter-sponsored events were the constant grill-outs they would have on the JJ porch. Whether it was for a philanthropic fundraiser or just for fun, having everyone there in the nice spring weather with some music while regular GW life was happening around them was a really nice thing to have.

The brothers got thrown a curveball this Spring in the sense that they were planning to have a philanthropy week to have funds go to a foundation in honor of their late brother Matthew Rosenstein, who passed away this winter due to a skiing accident. They couldn't do that due to the circumstances this year, sadly. However, they were able to create a fundraiser for DC Capital Area Food Bank in collaboration with Sigma Kappa, and raised over $2000 in less than 48 hours. For their fall philanthropy, they honor their late brother Scott Kleckner, who passed away due to complications with type-1 diabetes in 2018.

One of the biggest things that makes Kappa Sigma unique is their diversity. Not just in terms of background and ethnicity, but in terms of ideas and expression. There are brothers who are really into art, cooking, music, activism, you name it; not everyone is a cookie-cutter fraternity brother who's into lifting and sports.

The brothers hope for their chapter to continue to strive to be the best at everything it does. The brothers have gotten creative in the way they operate, with philanthropy initiatives online, or keeping brothers engaged with each other even when they're so far apart. On top of this, the brothers see a really bright future in this fraternity and can't wait for their future endeavors.

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Interfraternity Councils

Kappa Sigma

Kappa Sigma was founded in 1892 at GW. Kogan Plaza is named after Kappa Sigma's very own brother Barton H. Kogan. This fraternity helps every sorority on campus raise money, and holds two annual philanthropic events: Shave Away for the St. Baldrick's Foundation and Project Valor for Wounded Veterans. GW's chapter president is Nick Needham.

Phi Delta Theta

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity strives to help every brother meet his full potential. The chapter prides its brothers' strengths and improves their weaknesses. Their three core principles are friendship, sound learning, and moral rectitude. Their philanthropy is devoted to fighting ALS. Their current president is Paul Vernick.

Phi Sigma Kappa

Phi Sigma Kappa was founded at GW in 1899. The brothers are a family that demands excellence, commits to lifelong learning, meets challenges with innovation, and values brotherhood over self. They devote their philanthropy to The Special Olympics. They hold a haunted house every Halloween to raise money for the organization. Their president is Cameron Saad.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's brothers promote the highest standards of friendship, scholarship, and service. They conduct themselves out of goodwill, propriety, and self control. The chapter was established in 1858 at GW, and the current president is Neil Hartnett. They hold an annual philanthropy event in the spring, called Paddy Murphy.

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student spotlight
EDDY RASTGOO

Edward (Eddy) Rastgoo was a little weary about rushing a Greek Organization his freshman year because of what he had heard about Greek Life prior to arriving at GW. Luckily, through his first semester of classes he was able to meet a few members of the Greek community who were willing to sit down and talk to him about their Greek Life experiences and convince him to give Greek Life a shot. He signed up for recruitment on the last day possible and through the recruitment process, found a group of men who he truly felt comfortable with and who would later become his family.

Eddy is from Las Vegas and is majoring in International Affairs and Middle East Studies with a concentration in Security Policy and a minor in Religion. He has held a few positions during his time in Beta Theta Pi including: Summer House Manager in 2018, IFC representative for the fall of 2018, Vice President of Programming for the 2019 calendar year, and currently as the Vice President of New Member Education. His experience at GW has most certainly been shaped by his participation in the Greek community. Through working with older brothers and his chapter's alumni network, he was able to better outline his four years at GW and utilize their experience to help his chances as he applied for internships. His Greek Life experience has not only made him more ambitious, but also provided him with the tools to satisfy the ambition it gave him.

Beta Theta Pi's uniqueness on GW's campus comes from its diversity. Not only in sexual orientation or in ethnic backgrounds but also in thought and interests. Despite the stereotypes surrounding the Greek Community, diversity has become Beta Theta Pi's norm that the organization has worked to preserve through time.

A man who Eddy looks up to the most in his chapter is his big brother Aidan King. Aidan showed him how to best utilize the brotherhood of Beta Theta Pi to help himself overcome the hardships that may arise during one's time at GW. He also has served as a shining example in Eddy's quest to balance academic excellence and playing an active role in his chapter's daily operations. Aidan has been an active brother ever since he joined Beta Theta Pi in the fall of 2016 and has been able to lock down an amazing job opportunity for when he graduates in the Spring.

After college, Eddy hopes to take a year or two to work in the field of International Affairs doing research for a Think Tank or Research Institute and afterwards intends to matriculate to law school. Through Beta, Eddy was able to talk to alumni who made him realize that he wanted to work before graduate school, and he is endlessly grateful for their advice.

Although in recent years the amount of men who are choosing to undergo formal recruitment has shrunk, Beta Theta Pi's numbers remain the same. Eddy foresees Beta continuing to remain a strong and sturdy force, not only within the Greek Life community, but also within the GW community. Beta builds confidence in leaders to take action and Eddy foresees it continuing to do so for many years to come.

Interfraternity Councils

Sigma Chi

The Sigma Chi Fraternity was founded at GWU in 1864. The chapter strives to achieve true friendship, equal justice, and the fulfillment of learning. It fosters leadership and encourages brothers to be productive family members. It promotes lifelong learning, and focuses on the betterment of character, campus, and community. The current chapter president is Ethan Thomas.

Sigma Nu

Sigma Nu was established in 1915 at GWU and since then its brothers strive to positively impact the world, enrich and develop the characters' of others, and provide opportunities for growth. Their values include leadership in action, excellence, and growth. Their philanthropy is devoted to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, The Wounded Warrior Project, and Habitat for Humanity. The current chapter president is Austin Steinberg.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

The Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity focuses on seven principles: scholarship, character, leadership, teamwork, service, and brotherhood. It believes college is the time to grow and to show the importance of character and worth instead of wealth. It's president is Jose M. Salazar. It is partnered with St. Jude's Research Hospital to fight cancer. GW's chapter president is Mark Detlor.

Zeta Beta Tau

Zeta Beta Tau's brothers focus on intellectual awareness, social responsibility, integrity, and brotherly love. While the fraternity was founded on the basis of Judaism, it now accepts all races and religious beliefs. The chapter was founded in 1914 and the current president is Ben Warren.

interfraternity council EVENTS

IFC chapters at GW fill their calendars with a large range of events, including philanthropy, service, brotherhood and social events. Beyond the social events that fraternities are known for having, each chapter holds events that are unique to their values or philanthropic efforts and are part of what makes brothers' experiences in each of the chapters valuable. Brothers are able to come together around a cause that is important to them or learn about topics that their brothers are passionate about. Many fraternities at GW have started their own philanthropies or raised money for causes such as illnesses that have affected brothers in their chapter.

Many brothers have said that some of their favorite events and best memories have been from brotherhood events where they have dinner, movie or sports screenings, and just have the opportunity to hang out in a relaxing environment and get to know brothers they might not interact with on a daily basis.

In addition to individual chapter events, the IFC also holds events for all members and for the community. These include inviting speakers or panels to campus or hosting events with all of GW fraternities and sororities about anti-hazing practices.

Regardless of the chapter you are in, you are bound to immediately be flooded with a full calendar as soon as you join. IFC events can help you make life long friendships, find a new passion, and make connections for future jobs.

Despite this year being cut short due to COVID-19, the members of the IFC surely will not forget all they were able to do in the beginning of the year, and the unique ways they found to stay connected virtually.

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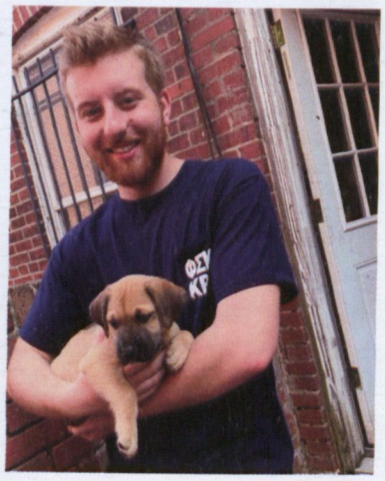

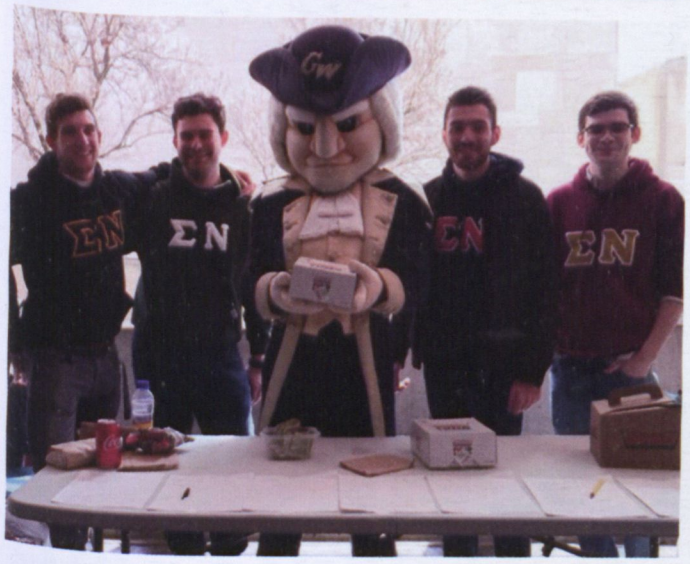
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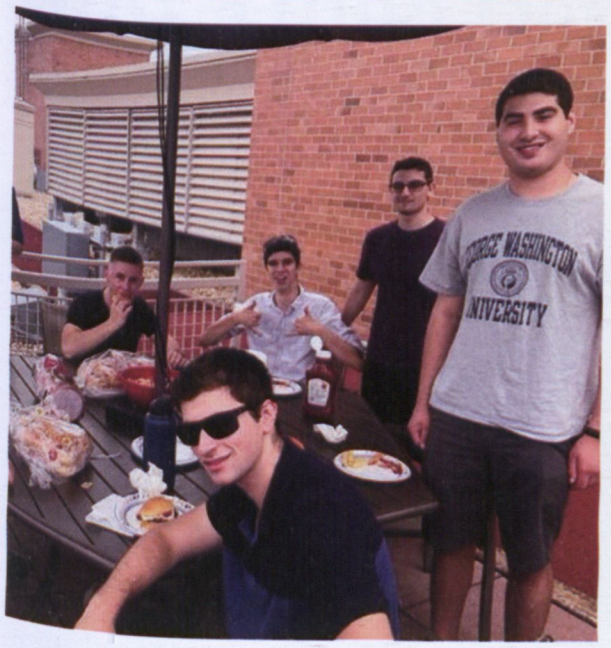
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Other Academic and Serivce Greek Councils

Greek life is a huge part of campus life at GW, and extends far beyond the typical social greek organizations. There are a number of greek organizations that don't fall under a council, but are just as monumental to students' experiences. These include pre-med fraternities, service focused fraternities or other academic fraternities. A number of these fraternities are co-ed and bring together large groups of students that bond over a common interest or passion.The ones seen are just a small number of those that are available for students to become involved in.

Delta Epsilon Mu

Delta Epsilon Mu is a co-ed pre-health fraternity. The brothers and sisters of Delta Epsilon Mu are committed to serving the community by advocating health education and care, and through active participation in service activities, fundraising, and outreach programs. The current president is Gianni Finizio.

Delta Phi Epsilon Fraternity

Delta Phi Epsilon is a foreign service fraternity, founded at GW in June 1929. It's mission is to promote good fellowship and a high conception of duties of those engaged in foreign service, encourage honor and scholarship, raise maintain standards of American citizenship, develop a spirit of loyalty to their Alma Maters, aid in development of international commerce of the US, support the Constitution of the US, and encourage goodwill between the US and other nations. The current chapter president is Jay Ivison.

Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority

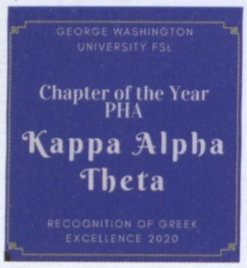
Delta Phi Epsilon is a foreign service sorority, which strives to empower women in international affairs and promote professional growth. It was founded at GW in 2005 and welcomes a new class every spring. Delta Phi Epsilon focuses its philanthropy on GIRLS, INC. This organization teaches girls about economic literacy, leadership, and sexual health, in hopes of empowering them to achieve great success. The current chapter president is Maggie Meiman.

Phi Alpha Delta

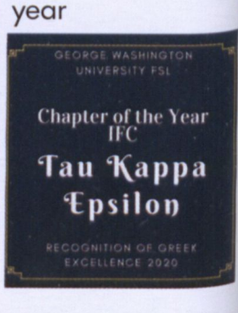
Phi Alpha Delta is a co-ed pre-law fraternity. Its vision is to advance its ideals of liberty and equal justice under the law, stimulate excellence in scholarship, inspire virtues of compassion and courage, foster integrity and professional competence, promote welfare of its members, and encourage their well-rounded advancement. This fraternity welcomes all members who demonstrate interest in law, public policy, and social justice. The current chapter president is Sarah Reicheck.

excellence in GREEK LIFE awards

KAPPA ALPHA THETA chapter of the year



TAU KAPPA EPSILON chapter of the year



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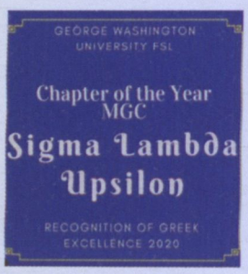
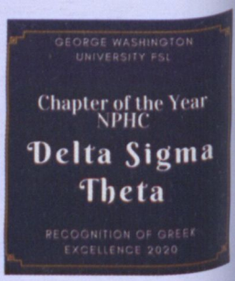


DELTA SIGMA THETA chapter of the year



Due to an abrupt end in spring semester, as a result of COVID-19 the annual greek night of achievement took a different look this year. The awards show was held virtually on April 14th. Despite not being able to meet in person, this event still brought the greek community together to celebrate the achievements and hard work that all the chapters had put in this year.

New Member of the Year: Harita Iswara, Pi Beta Phi
Emerging Leader: Bryce Lawson Kappa Alpha Psi
House Manager of the Year: Isabella Marchese, Pi Beta Phi

Chapter of the Year MGC: Sigma Lambda Upsilon
Chapter of the Year PHA: Kappa Alpha Theta
Chapter of the Year IFC: Tau Kappa Epsilon
Chapter of the Year NPHC: Delta Sigma Theta

Chapter of Excellence Perfect Score: Pi Beta Phi
Chapter of Excellence Perfect Score: Delta Lambda Phi
Chapter of Excellence Perfect Score: Kappa Alpha Theta
Chapter of Excellence Perfect Score: Phi Delta Theta
Chapter of Excellence Perfect Score: Alpha Delta Pi
Chapter of Excellence Perfect Score: Sigma Kappa
Chapter of Excellence: Sigma Lambda Upsilon
Chapter of Excellence: Delta Sigma Theta

Most Responsible Chapter MGC: Sigma Psi Zeta
Most Responsible Chapter PHA: Kappa Delta
Most Responsible Chapter IFC: Tau Kappa Epsilon
Most Responsible Chapter NPHC: Delta Sigma Theta

Council Favorite PHA: Pi Beta Phi
Council Favorite MGC: Sigma Lambda Upsilon
Council Favorite IFC: Alpha Sigma Phi
Council Favorite NPHC: Alpha Phi Alpha

Community Program Award: Chi Omega & Alpha Kappa Alpha
Best Leadership Program: Lambda Pi Chi
Best Philanthropy Project: NPHC
Program of the Year: Karin Scott, BOLD Structure

Alumni/Alumnae Relations: Kappa Sigma
FSL Community Award: Kevin Cao, Delta Tau Delta
Best Community Service Project: Sigma Kappa
Community Award: Kappa Phi Lambda

Service Award Overall: Kappa Alpha Psi
Service Award PHA: Kappa Delta
Service Award MGC: Kappa Phi Lambda
Service Award IFC: Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Greek Member of the Year MGC: Omarina Cabrera, Sigma Lambda Upsilon
Greek Member of the Year PHA: Zoe Manos, Kappa Delta
Greek Member of the Year IFC: Shalin Bhatt, Beta Theta Pi

Executive Member of the Year IFC: Tommy Hill, Kappa Sigma
Executive Member of the Year NPHC: Charles Aborisade, Phi Beta Sigma
Executive Member of the Year PHA: Alexa Saberito, Sigma Delta Tau

Academic Achievement IFC: Delta Tau Delta
Academic Achievement PHA: Alpha Delta Pi
Academic Achievement MGC: Sigma Lambda Upsilon
Academic Achievement NPHC: Delta Sigma Theta
Academic Achievement Overall: Alpha Delta Pi

Advisor of the Year PHA: Kyle LeBlanc, Alpha Delta Pi
Advisor of the Year IFC: Austin Deray, Phi Delta Theta
Advisor of the Year NPHC: Gordon Fletcher, Kappa Alpha Psi
Advisor of the Year MGC: Kelly Ly, Kappa Phi Lambda

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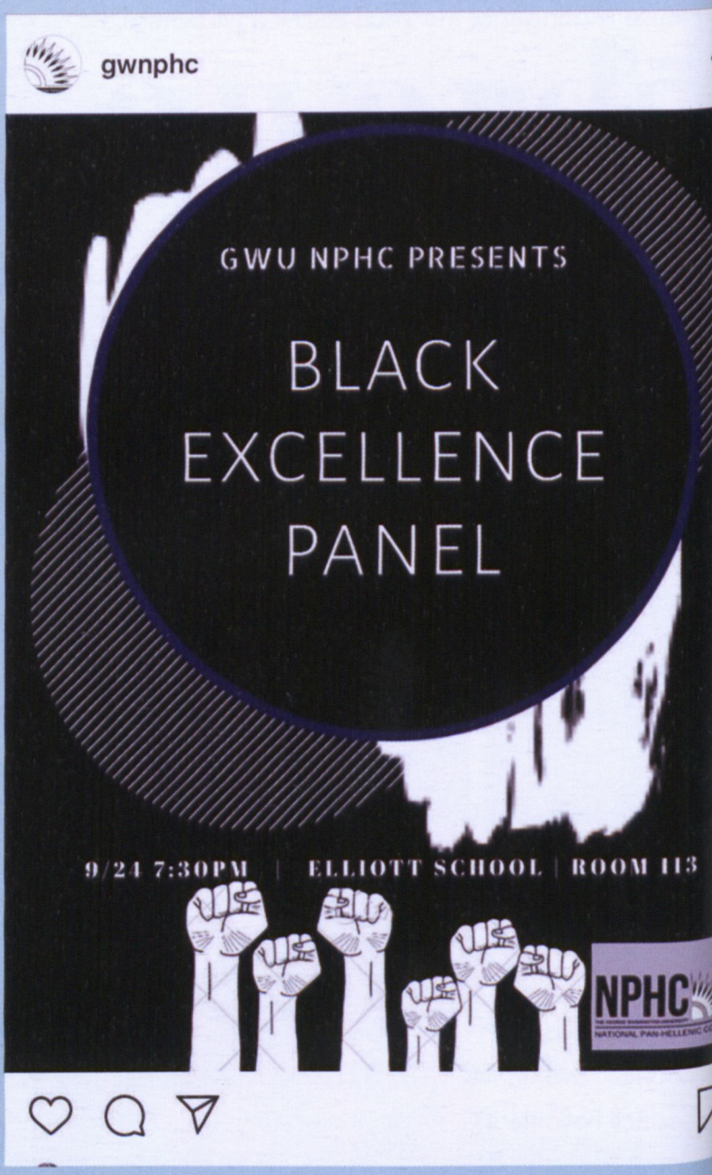
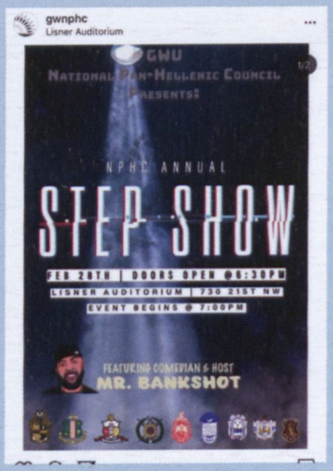
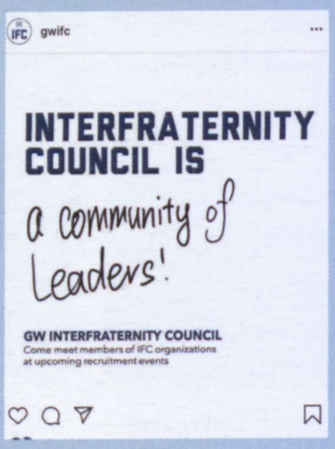
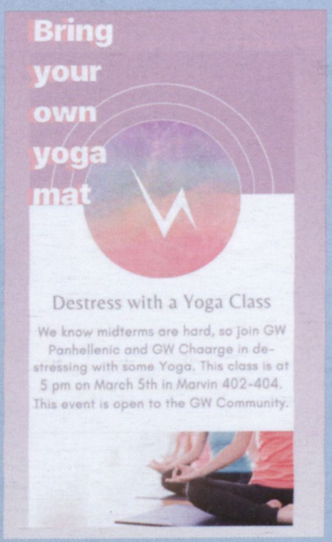
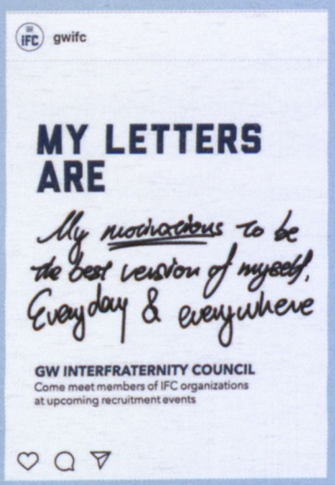




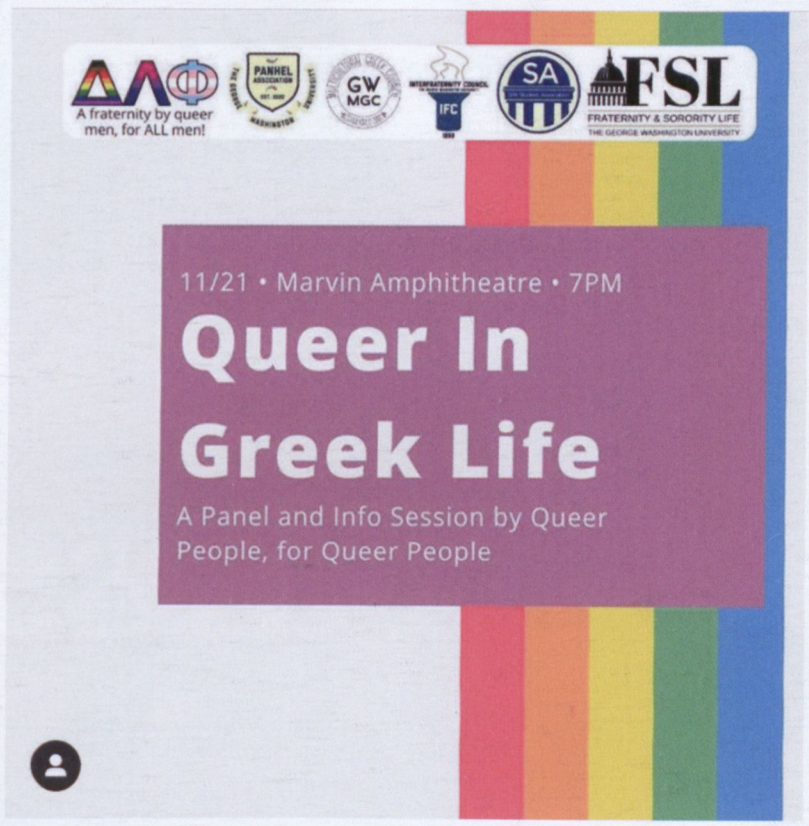


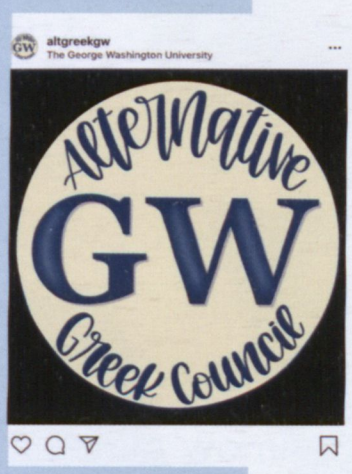




staying connected

Fraternity and Sorority life events bring students from across the FSL community together to support one another. The collaboration among different councils and chapters provides everyone a space to learn from one another and find other students involved in fraternity and sorority life at GW with common interests. Despite this school year being cut short each week was still packed with community events, and some were even held virtually once students had to leave campus.





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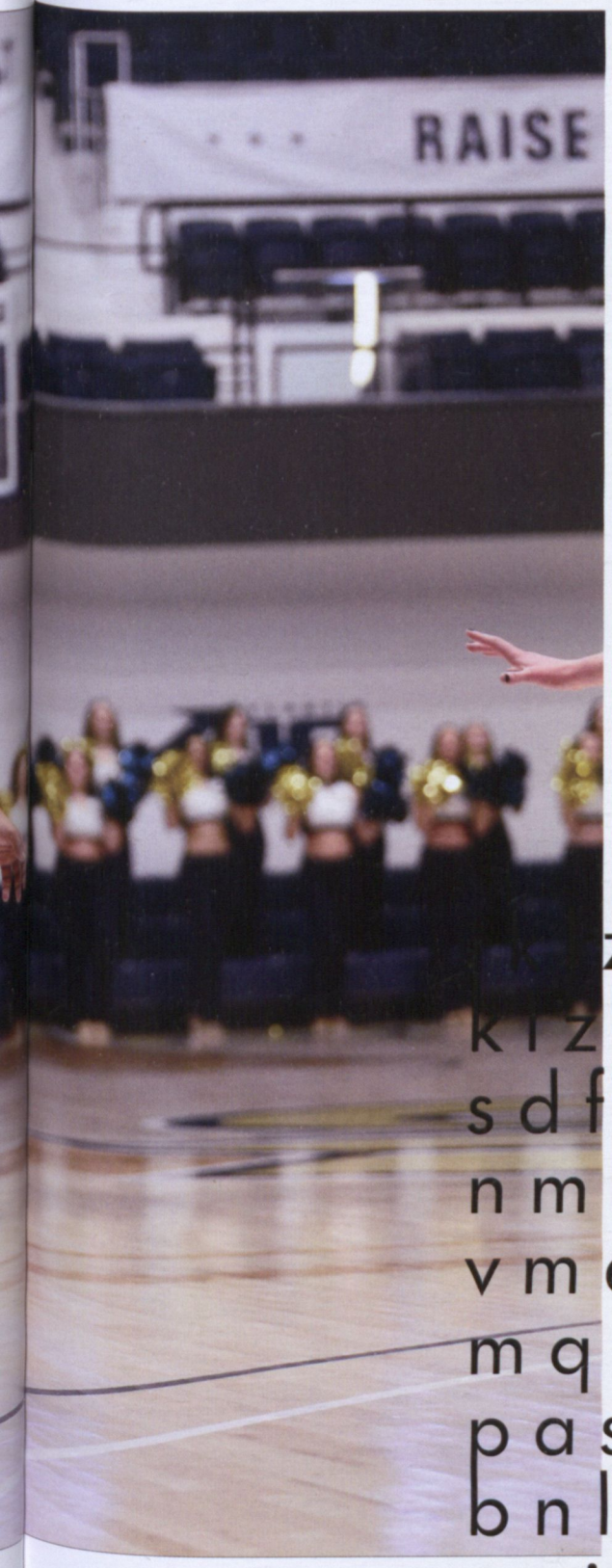

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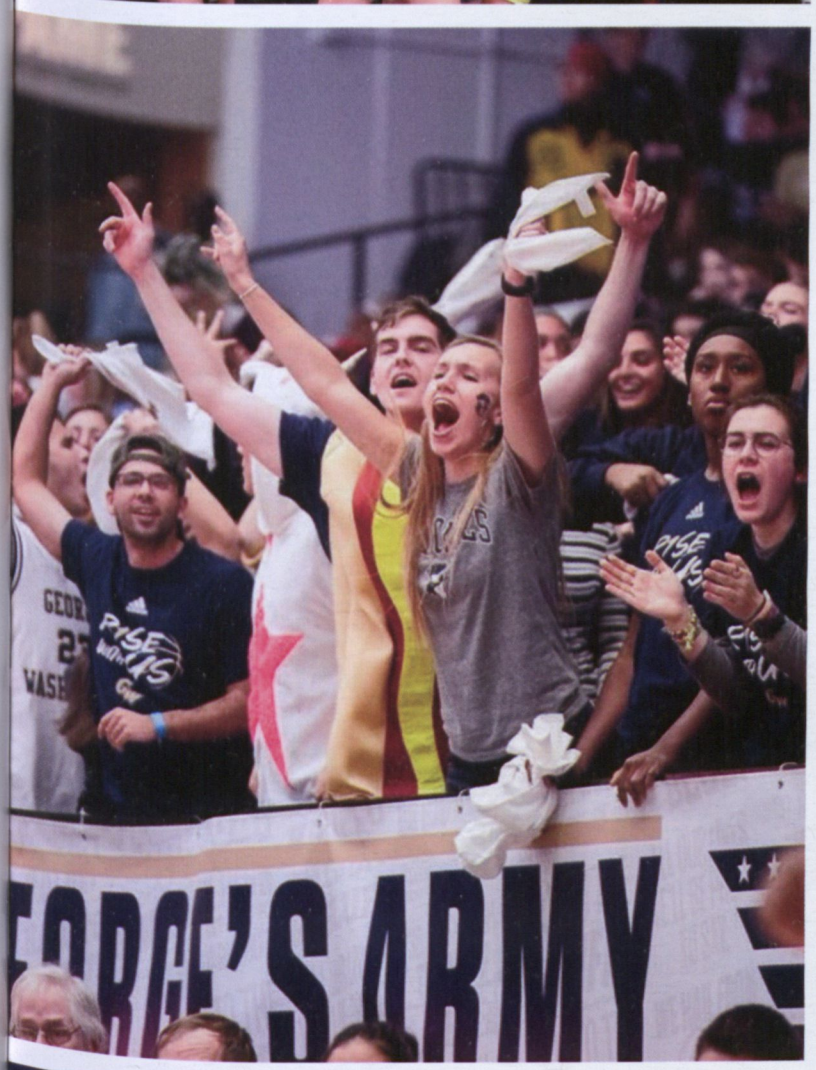
GEORGE'S army

GW's former Colonial Army came out this season with a fresh coat of paint, a new l ogo, and a new name, "George's Army." As GW's official fan organization of the Department of Athletics and Recreation, the band of students has access to preferred seating in the student section where you can find these super fans decked out in buff and blue merch or dressed up to the theme. The army has organized a variety of themed-games throughout the season including a beach themed game that brought out hula skirts and leis as well as the fan-favorite "buff-out."

Rebranded and ready to support the men's and women's basketball teams, George's Army went into the winter with plans to offer student perks at local restaurants, tailgating events in Potomac Park, and more opportunities to cheer on GW's many athletic teams. The group's executive board was hoping to remedy the declining participation and downturn in basketball game attendance in the past few years. The makeover of George's Army widened its reach to the GW community as a whole, first by removing the colonials moniker, but more so by reaching out to the student body through frequent emails and flyers around campus.

It's no secret that a spirited audience can be a game changer in a close contest, and George's Army has definitely made the difference in a number of games this season. As they raise high the buff and blue, the fans keep their energy high and their voices loud, giving the players a monumental home court advantage. Even more importantly than keeping spirits up and cheering on the athletes, George's Army strives to build a strong community and foster relationships that will keep the organization strong for many years to come.

Jumping around the stands with George's Army is George Washington himself□well, the mascot that is. George has been GW's mascot since 1948, dawning the head of the former president on top and a buff and blue colonial uniform on bottom. George is played by a number of select, spirited students that make up the GW Mascot Team. Serving as the namesake of GW, George makes his fair share of appearances at campus events and of course, at basketball games.


RGE'S ARMY

COLONIAL brass

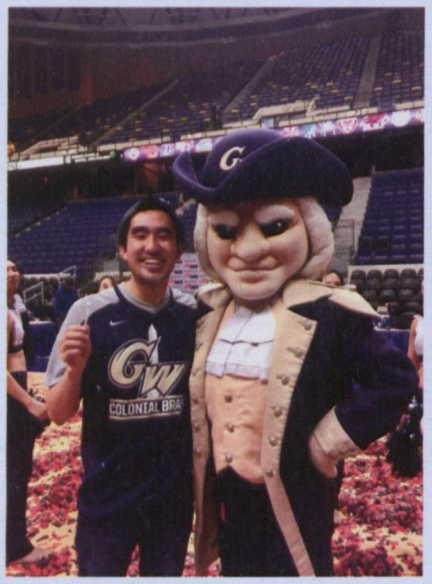
GW's Colonial Brass is a part of the spirit program along with the cheer team and the First Ladies dance team. The spirit program is not only the heart of GW athletics, but also commits itself to promoting school spirit at all campus activities.

Colonial Brass is student led, consisting of student musicians and conductors. They play at all mens and womens home basketball games, and even travel to postseason tournaments with the teams. Fans leave basketball games feeling full of spirit no matter the outcome of the game, as Colonial Brass always puts on an excellent show. The group's music fills the Smith Center and gets fans out of their seats.

Not only does Colonial Brass play at basketball games, but its music can be heard all around campus whether it be playing in Kogan to get the word out about an upcoming game, playing holiday carols to get students in the holiday spirit, or welcoming guests to events on campus.

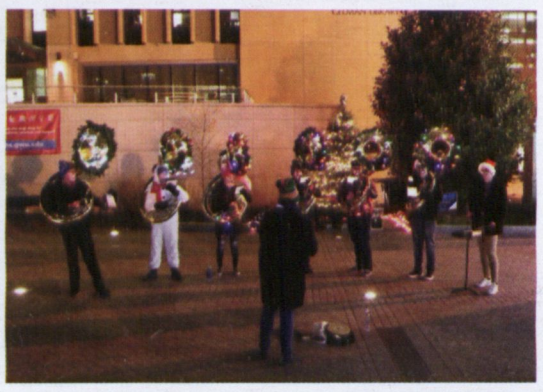
This year Colonial Brass also had the opportunity to play the fight song and alma mater at the virtual commencement. This meant the musicians had to record themselves playing their parts at home and then they were carefully crafted together to make it sound as if we were back in the Smith celebrating together. This is just one example of how Colonial Brass brings spirit to GW in whatever way possible. No matter what year you attended GW the sound of the fight song ringing through campus is something that will bring people together for years to come.

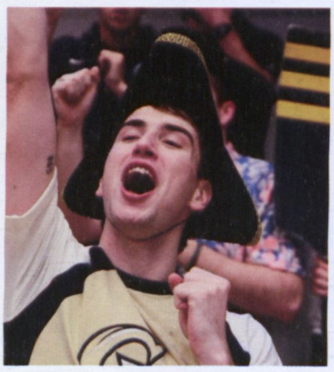
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
STEVEN CHAO



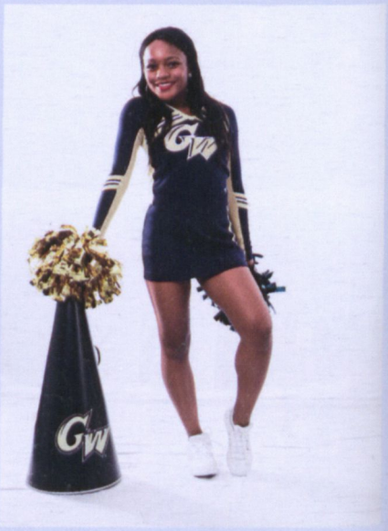
Graduate Student
Major: Geography
Hometown: San Jose, California
Instrument: Alto Saxophone

"My favorite memory in CBrass was being a part of the 2018 GW women's basketball postseason tournaments: supporting the women's basketball team as they went on to win the 2018 A10 Championship, cutting down the net, and traveling with them to the NCAA March Madness tournament. The women's team was seeded fifth in the 2018 A10 tournament, so the band was ecstatic that the women pulled off multiple upsets (including against the #1 seed) and won the tournament! The women's team graciously invited us to take part in the festivities and help cut down the net, a piece of which I still have today! The women's team was automatically eligible to participate in March Madness, so the band hopped on a charter flight to Columbus, OH, and stayed in a four-star hotel. It was a great experience supporting the women's team away from home and exploring the city."





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
SYDNEY TEABOUT



Junior
Major: Journalism and American Studies
Hometown: Chestnut Ridge, New York
Position: Flyer

Why did you start cheering? When I first started cheering I was terrified about what I was getting myself into. Cheerleading is an amazing sport that requires us to move our bodies in unimaginable ways. It didn't take long for me to find comfort in the community that gave me courage to try new skills and practice until perfection.

How do you get pumped for game day? Having a positive attitude on game days is a must so that I can show my GW Spirit! I usually make coffee as soon as I wake up and listen to Beyonce's Homecoming album while I get ready.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? Traveling and exploring new cities with my teammates. We got to travel to Richmond to cheer on the Women's Basketball team as they won the A10 Championship and then travel to Ohio to cheer them on in the first round of March Madness.

CHEER

GW's loud and proud Cheer Team makes up one third of the school's Spirit Program, alongside Colonial Brass and the First Ladies. The team consists of 20 talented members with backgrounds in cheer, dance, tumbling, and gymnastics. The team takes on a busy schedule with practice multiple times a week and performances at all of the men's and women's home basketball games, as well as a variety of community and campus-wide events.

After the former coach of four years left his post, two former GW cheerleaders boldly and bravely stepped up to co-coach the team just one week before the season began. Alumni Tiffany Jones and Josh Cohen were just as committed to fostering school spirit as the team, making for a successful season at the Smith Center.

The energy of the team can only be as strong as the energy between the teammates, and the men and women of GW Cheer have fostered strong interpersonal dynamics. Like most sports teams on campus, the cheerleaders have become a family. Like brothers and sisters, the teammates have built strong trust and transparent communication, two essential parts of the relationship between flyers and their bases as they complete tricky stunts.

The Cheer Team was there for it all, from the dramatic wins to the heartbreaking losses; from the longest game in Smith Center history to the university's first world-record attempt. Standing on the sidelines and performing at half-court, these men and women surely showcased their talent and hardwork this season beautifully.

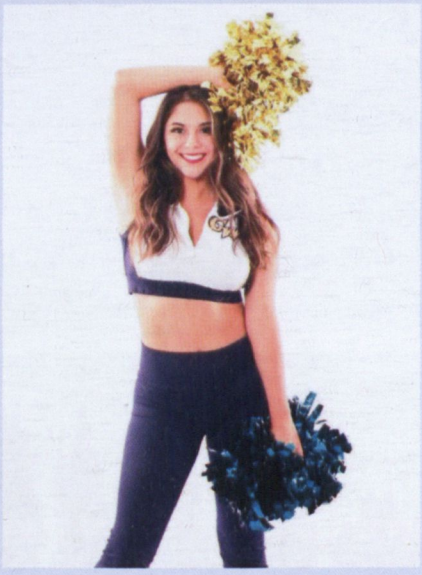
FIRST LADIES dance team

GW's First Ladies dance team brings out a sense of school spirit that most city schools never have the chance to experience, from the four walls of the Smith Center to beyond Foggy Bottom. Similarly to the other arms of the school's Spirit Program - the Cheer Team and Colonial Brass - the First Ladies perform at all Men's and Women's home basketball games, tournaments, as well as community and campus-wide events.

The 16 talented women that make up the First Ladies team come from dance backgrounds in every style from hip-hop to classical ballet, but primarily perform pom and jazz routines on the hardwood. Although many of the dancers have been performing for most of their lives, they certainly still have to put in the work at practice at least three times a week. Every year the First Ladies look to grow their team, holding tryouts every semester for passionate and skilled dancers campus-wide.

The First Ladies strive to promote school spirit within the vibrant GW campus, both on the court and off. When the team isn't hustling at practice or showing off their moves at halftime, they can be found repping the team with high energy and a smile across the campus. The ladies are known for their strength and stamina, two qualities that have become part of who they are as student-athletes here at GW.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
EVA O'MARAH



Sophomore
Major: International Affairs
Hometown: Dedham, Massachusetts

Who is your biggest inspiration? My two moms.

Why did you start dancing? I fell in love with it when I was little. I love the way it keeps me strong and lets me create art in my own way.

What are your pre-game rituals? Laugh with my teammates, warm up, practice the dances, and get excited to preform!

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? Making hilarious tik toks with my team at our monument photo shoot.

women's SOCCER

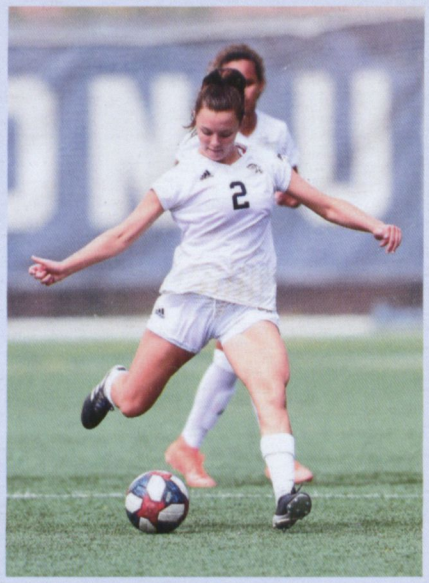
GW's Women's Soccer season was fruitful with wins in not only non-conference games, but conference games as well. The team's hard work led it to a season with the stats 14-3-4 for non-conference play, and 7-1-2 for conference play, with multiple individuals Honors as well.

The team played St Bonaventure for Senior day, and won 2-1 after scoring both goals in the first half and holding them for the entire second half. The players hosted the regular season finale against St Louis, but lost the game. Spirits were lifted again once they won against Delaware State 3-0 for the final non-conference game. The penultimate game of the regular season was battled out against the revolutionary rival George Mason and ended with a 2-2 double overtime draw. GW also finished with 2-2 double overtime draw against VCU.

The team hosted Saint Josephs for A10 quarterfinals and won 3-0. The team made its first appearance in A10 semifinals since 2016 at Saint Louis Hermann Stadium, playing Massachusetts and winning 2-1. The team then headed to A10 finals for the first time since 1997, but lost to Saint Louis 3-1.

The season ended strong with a number of wins and multiple post season honors. First team defense went to Megan McCormick, Second Team Forward to Rachel Sorkenn, Second Team Midfield to Maria Pareja, Second Team Defense to Madi Coyne and Hannah Zaluski, and All-Rookie Team to Tamaki Machi. Talented player Hannah Zaluski was invited to U-20 Women's National Team training camp.

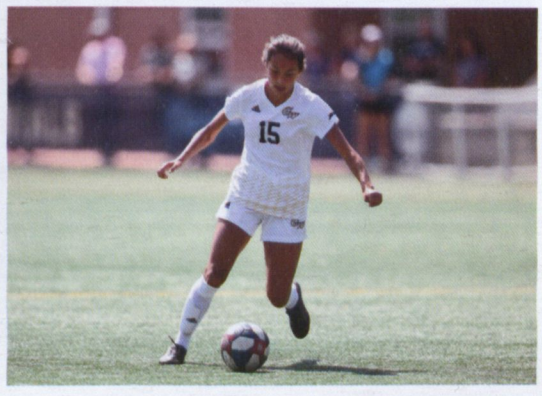
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
SAMMY NEYMAN

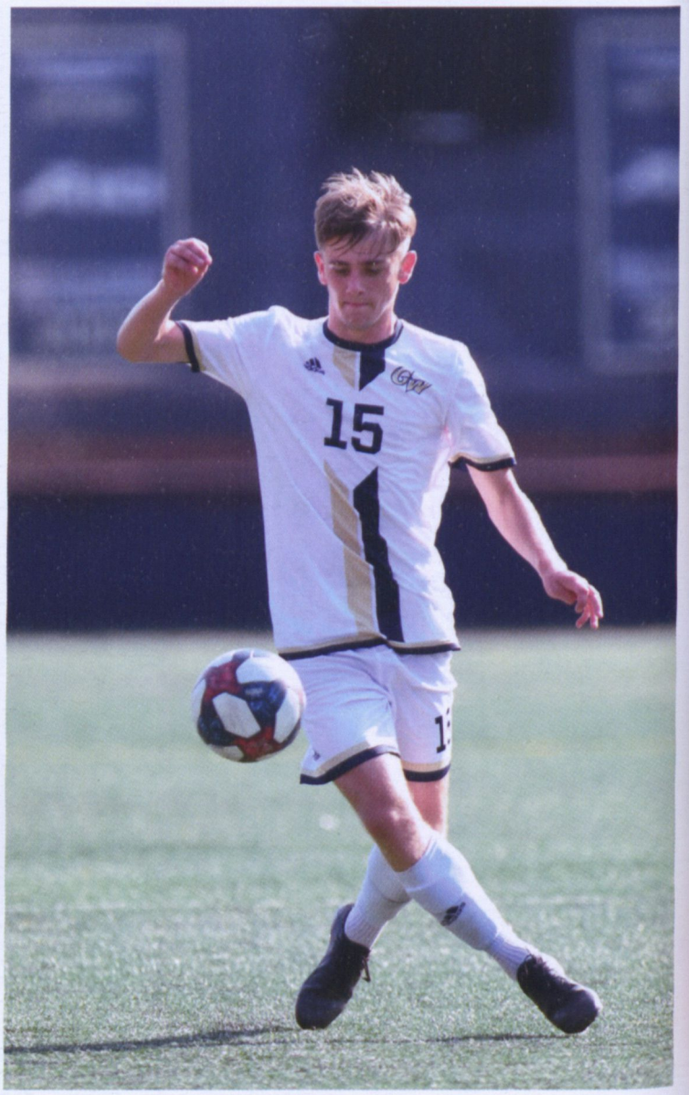


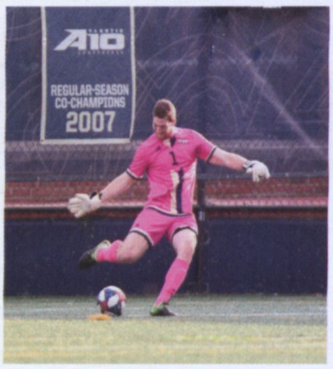
Sophomore
Major: Communication
Hometown: North Andover, MA.
Position: Center Midfield

"My biggest inspirations are my parents because they taught me to never give up and that it is okay to fail as long as I use my failures as tools to better my overall self."

"My favorite memory so far as a GW athlete was beating UMass in the conference semi finals in St. Louis. Competing for a championship for this program was honestly a dream come true and beating UMass in the semis gave me a rush of adrenaline I never had before. Having my family in St. Louis cheering me and the rest of the team on also adds to that amazing memory."

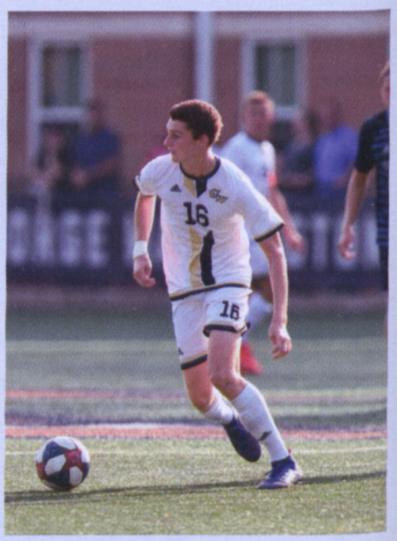






STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
LIAM EMSON

Freshman
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Hometown: Arlington, Virginia
Position: Forward



"My biggest inspiration has been my dad. He grew up in England and worked extremely hard and eventually got a scholarship to play soccer at GW. Not only is he someone that I have looked up to, but he has also supported and challenged me to be the best person and player that I can be."

"My favorite memory as a GW athlete so far was our preseason. We were some of the only people on campus/in the dorms, and we were being introduced to the team and college life in general. It was great to bond as a team through two-a-day practices, team meals, and just hanging out while getting to know each other."

men's SOCCER

GW's 2019 men's soccer season may not have been the most triumphant, but many individual and team victories off the field kept the players strong. The team's overall victories on the field were five, with eleven losses, and one tie. Tom Cooklin scored the first goal and led to GW beating St. Bonaventure 1-0. The players finished non-conference play, hosting Howard, but lost 1-0. The team won their last home game, ending on a good note, against Saint Josephs for their Pink Game, scoring 2-0. However, they lost to Dayton in the regular season finale 2-1.

The team honored seven seniors and two graduate students at Senior Night against Davidson, winning 2-1, where Liam Emson scored 2 career goals. Individual victories included Haukur Hilmarsson and Noah Lubin named to CoSIDA Academic All-District 2 First Team and Liam Emson being named A10 All Rookie. The team also earned the United States Coaches Team Academic Award for the sixth time in the past seven years. While the team did not enjoy many victories on the field this season, it was successful in its own way, coming out stronger with victories as a team that will make them even more prepared for next year.

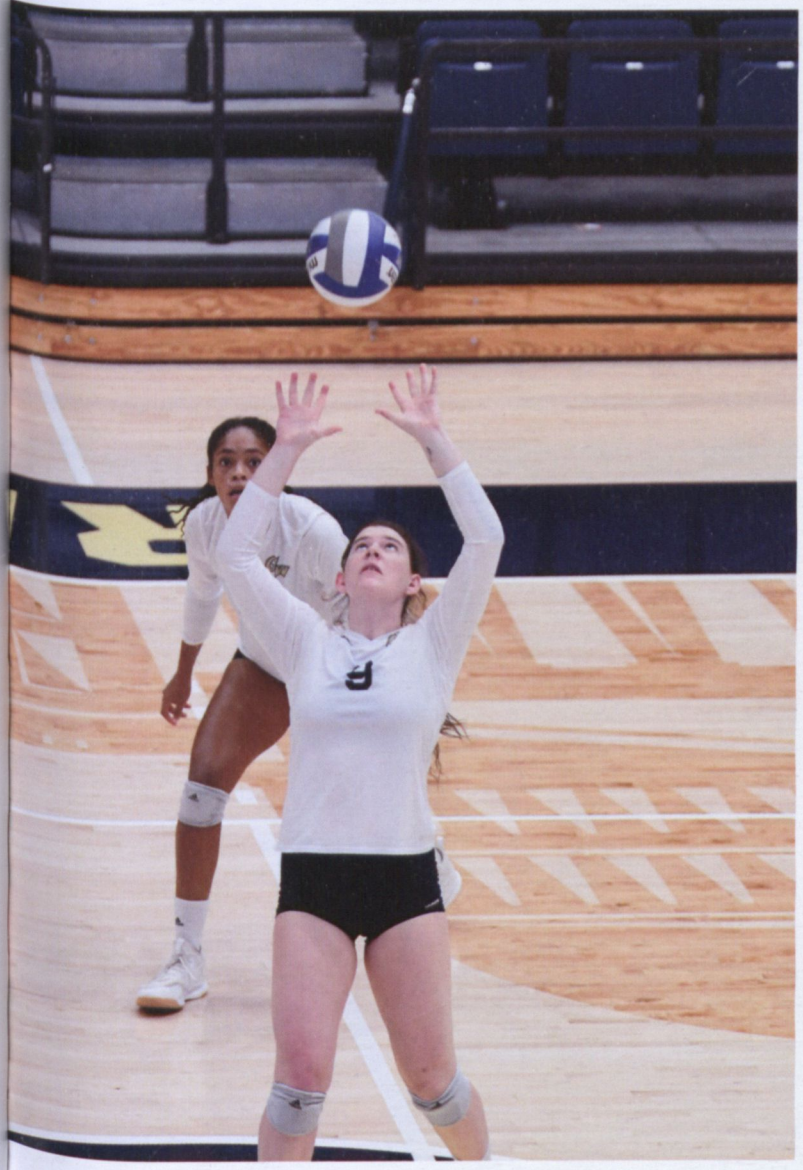
women's VOLLEYBALL

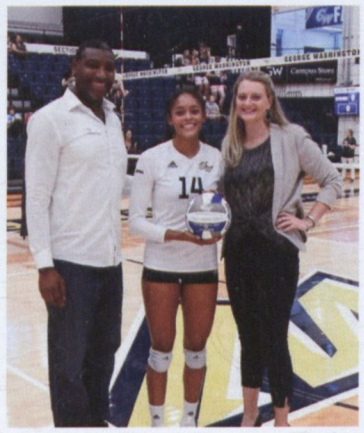
Even though the spring season was cancelled, GW's Womens' Volleyball team's hard work paid off with the stats 15-14 for non-conference, and 8-6 for conference before leaving campus due to the coronavirus. The team hosted the DC challenge and won against Howard with a three set sweep, closing out the challenge.

The team travelled to Texas for the final non-conference tournament, hosted by Texas state, and beat Sam Houston State but lost to Texas State and UTSA. Opening night of conference play was rewarding with a five set win over George Mason University. The first conference road weekend was also fruitful as the team swept Duquesne 2-0 in A10 play for the first time since 2015. The team beat La Salle 3-0 and ended conference weekend victorious against Norfolk. Skylar Iott was also named Second Team All Conference Player!

The team secured a spot in the A10 championship tournament by beating George Mason, pegging 5th in the A10 preseason roll. In the quarterfinals though, the team lost to La Salle.

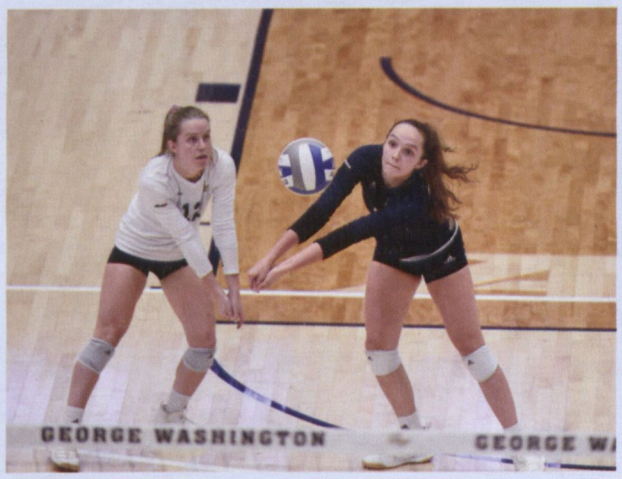
For the final multi-game road swing of the season, the team played Davidson and VCU. While the team beat Davidson, it lost to VCU, however still coming out victorious with more wins than losses this year with lessons learned for future games and victories.





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
BELLA BOWMAN

Junior
Major: Exercise Science
Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky
Position: Libero



"My biggest inspiration would have to be my parents. They have pushed and fought to get to where they are now in life and it has shown me that nothing is ever handed to you and that you have to constantly be working toward your goals."

"I started playing volleyball because I was able to compete and excel with my closest friends. I was also able to push myself harder in volleyball than any other sport I had played previously."

"My favorite memory while being a GW athlete would have to be playing 6v6 during practice. Both sides are always talking trash and we always end up laughing after every play because something funny happens."

men's WATER POLO

GW Men's Water Polo led a record breaking season with 22 wins and only 9 losses, winning over half of its games. The team kicked off the season with a pair of wins at the Air Force Invitational. At the Bucknell Invitational, Andrew Mavis and Andras Levai scored 8 goals each and the team won double-header sweep.

The team started the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference and beat Fordham in the opener, leaving the weekend triumphant 3-0. At the Harvard Invitational, the team still stayed strong, finishing 2-2. The team's victories continued as it beat La Salle and remained unbeaten as it started the MAWPC championship and not only won against Johns Hopkins but won the rest of the games as well, securing a spot in the MAWPC final after beating Fordham. However, the team lost to Bucknell in the final. Nevertheless, the team had an incredibly rewarding season as 7 students got ACWPC All Academic Team awarded and Andrew Mavis and Andras Levai received honorable mentions. Next year's team has big shoes to fill and hopefully, will set another record.

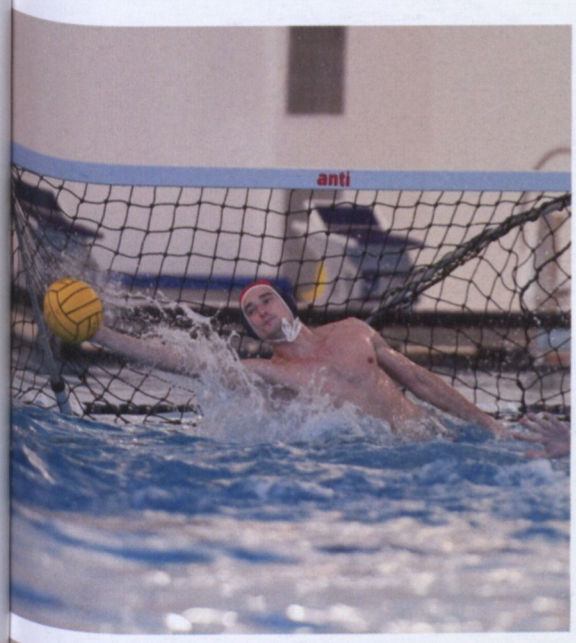
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
NICK SCHROEDER

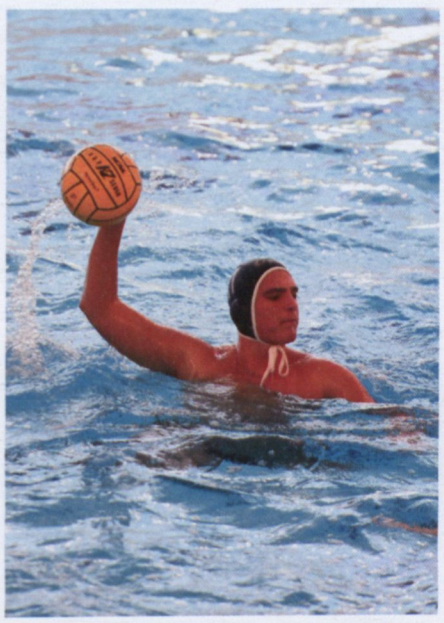
Sophomore
Major: International Affairs
Hometown: Orinda, California
Position: Center Attacker

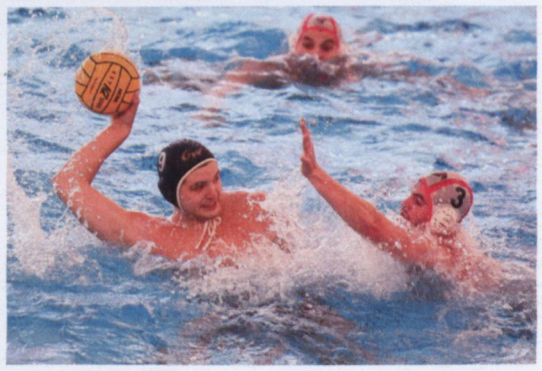
Why did you start playing water polo? "Some of my friends played, and it looked fun."

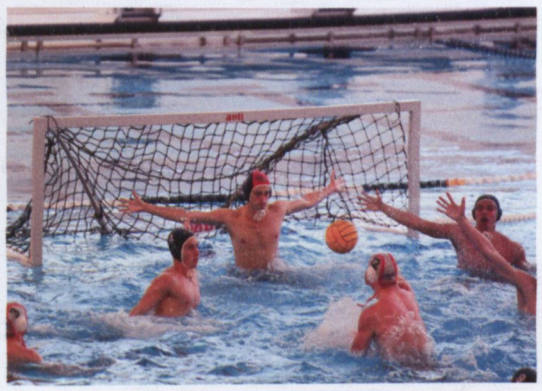
What are your pre-game rituals? "Stretch and warm up with music on. Usually I don't talk too much. Just try to focus on the game."

What is your favorite memory being a GW athlete? "Winning the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference title my freshman year."









STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
JORDAN SOENKE

Freshman
Major: International Affairs
Hometown: Berlin, Germany and San Diego, California
Position: Skipper

Who is your biggest inspiration? I have the utmost respect for Philip Lahm, a former professional footballer who won the World Cup with Germany as the team's captain. His consistency, leadership, and fair play inspires me.

Why did you start sailing? My parents introduced me to sailing and signed me up to a summer camp when I was five. I started racing soon afterward, loving the liberating feeling of sailing on the ocean with the wind on my face. It was wonderful because we got the whole family involved.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? My favorite memories are of the windy practices during postseason when a strong southerly breeze brings splendid conditions, and where the whole team is relishing the day.

SAILING

GW's Sailing Team opened the fall season with a first place finish at the Riley Cup hosted by Old Dominion. The team sent four sailors to the MAISA Singlehanded National Championship after Owen TImms and Michael Ehnot earned spots in the field with top six finishes at a laser eliminator at Navy.

The team posted a pair of first place finishes at the Susan Rogers Memorial and Top MAISA Coed events. The team finished fourth at the Washington College Fall, eighth place at the Women's Showcase, and three boats finished in the top six at the Oyster Bowl. The team took 5th at the Coed East Coast Showcase before the conference championship where the sailors placed 5th and 6th.

They opened the spring season by hosting the GW Team Race and placed 3rd. They finished 8th at the St. Mary's Team Race but did not get to finish the season due to the pandemic. Three athletes were named to MAISA All Conference Teams. Despite the season being cut short, these athletes came out this season victorious and are looking forward to their next opportunity to sail.

women's TENNIS

Women's Tennis made its fall debut in September at the Bedford Mid-Atlantic cup in College Park, MD. The team continued Fall Tournament play at the Seahawk Invitational hosted by UNCW. The team played at the Martha Thorn Invitational hosted by West Virginia, and at the annual ITA Atlantic Region Championship at the Liberty Cook Tennis Complex, where fall play ended.

The team opened the spring season at William and Mary but lost 4-0, followed by two back to back victories against Morgan State and Coppin State. The athletes played Duquesne for the first A-10 match up, but lost 5-2.

The players hosted Delaware at home and had a quick turn around to play their revolutionary rival George Mason. The team also hosted Navy but fell short 4-3 and travelled to North Carolina to face ECU and UNCW, losing to both.

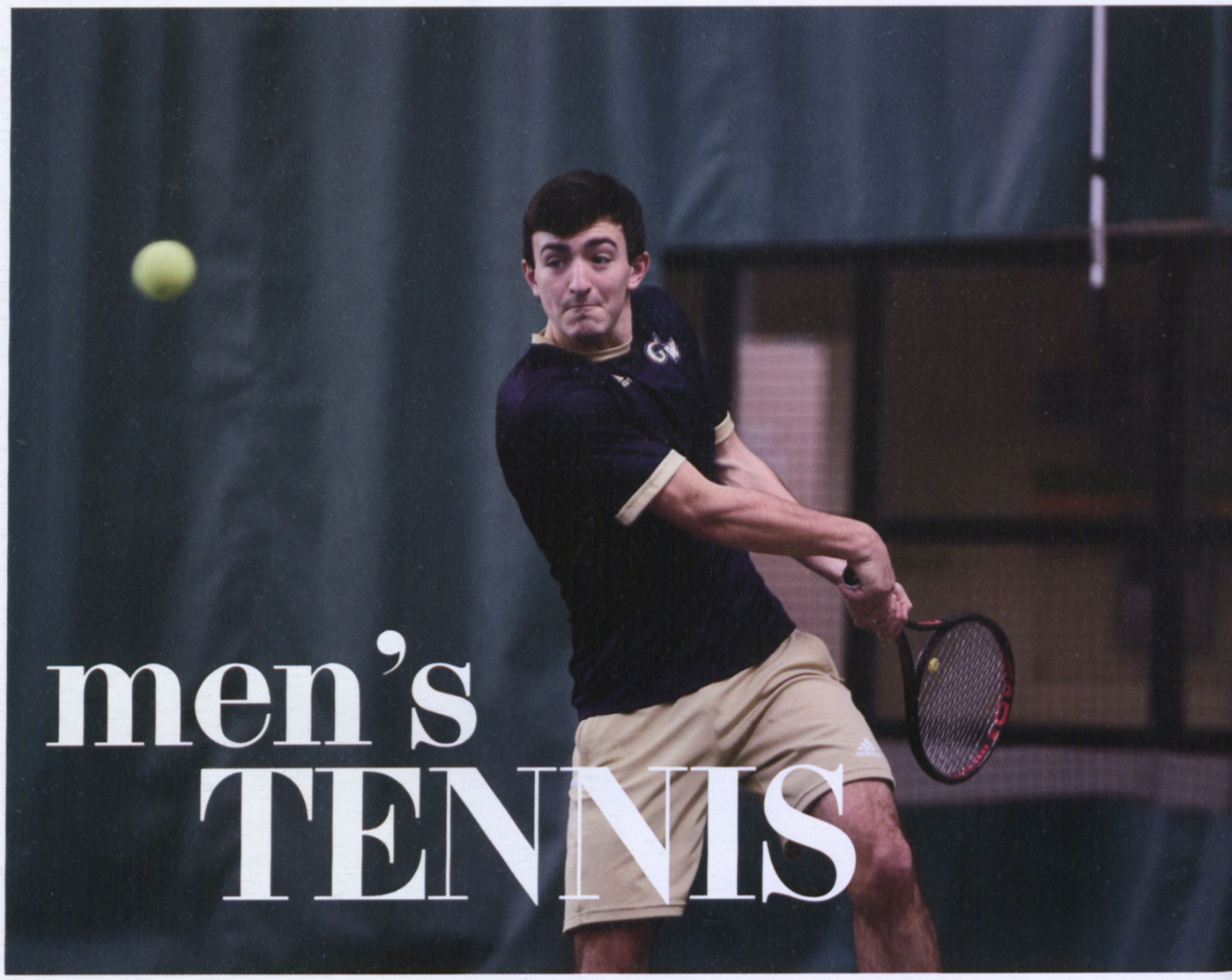
The season was cut short due to the pandemic, but the players learned some valuable lessons to improve their game and come out victorious next season.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
SARAH BODEWES

Freshman
Major: Business Administration
Hometown: Pittsford, New York
Position: 2nd doubles with Luciana Kunkel and 5th singles

Why did you start playing tennis? I first started playing tennis when i was 3 years old but quickly got sick of it. I tried it again later on when i was 9 years old and fell in love with it. My dad got me into lessons at my local club and I instantly made great friends and wanted to be there everyday.

What is your favorite as a GW athlete? One of my favorite memories so far playing tennis for GW was a trip we took during the Fall season to Wilmington, NC. We stayed with a host family as a team and got to go to the beach together! It was such a fun trip and i would love to be able to do it again.



men's TENNIS

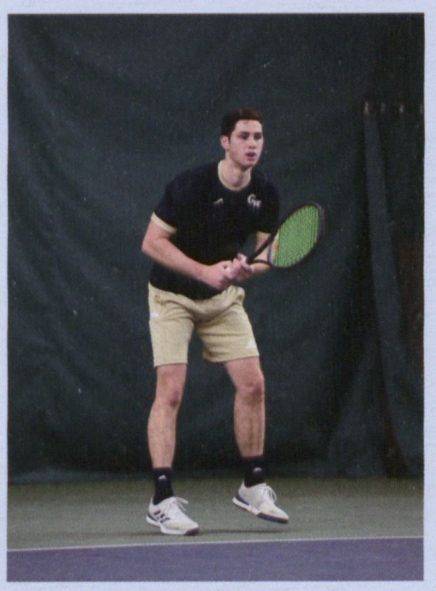
GW Men's Tennis opened a strong fall play in Annapolis, MD at the Joe Hunt Invitational with each athlete finishing with a winning mark overall. The second fall event was back at the Naval Academy for the Navy Blue Invite where the Colonials won two flights. Next, the team played in the ITA Atlantic Regional tournament in Charlottesville VA and won multiple matches before bowing out in the round of 32.

The team finished fall play at the UNCW team invite in Wilmington, NC and continued its victories, winning against UNCH and Morgan State. While the athletes lost against BYU at a dual meet at home, they hosted Howard and won 7-0, continuing their wins with a score of 7-0 against Duquesne.

After a series of victories, the team returned home to host Temple but lost 5-2. The players travelled on a lengthy and tiring road trip to William and Mary and Old Dominion, losing both games. Keeping their spirits high, the players recouped their strength and won against both Dayton and Xaiver. Returning home, they beat Georgetown and Longwood. Lawrence Sciglitano was named A-10 player of the week on February 25th.

While the men's Tennis' season was left unfinished, Head Coach Rob Castille gave out virtual awards. Sophomore Ethan Jacobs was named team MVP, sophomore Zicheng Zeng was named Most Improved, and Senior Jakub Behun earned the Coaches Award for the second year in a row. This team took what they learned this year and are eager to get back out on the court next year.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
ETHAN JACOBS



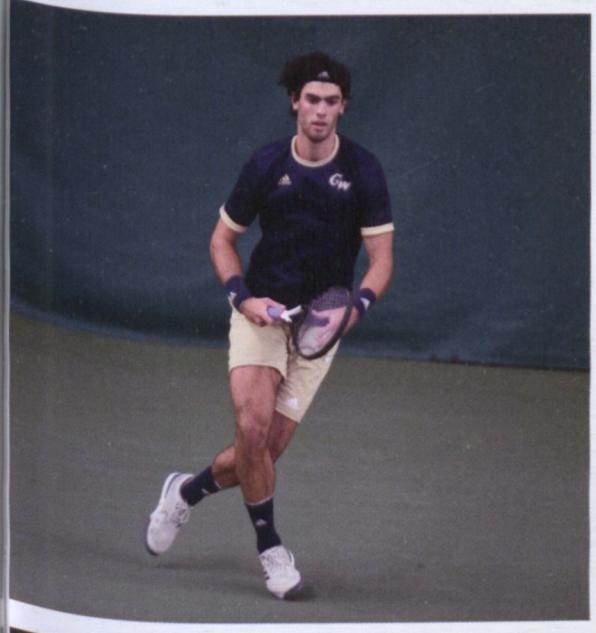
Sophomore
Major: Psychology and English
Hometown: New York City, NY
Position: Singles and Doubles

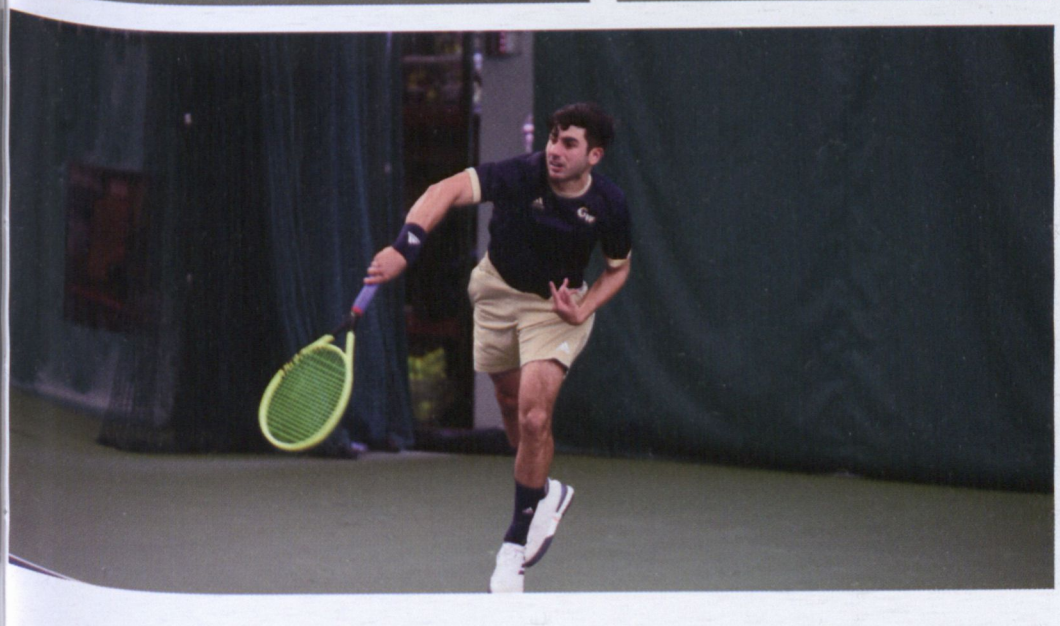
Who is your biggest inspiration? My biggest inspiration is my Father.

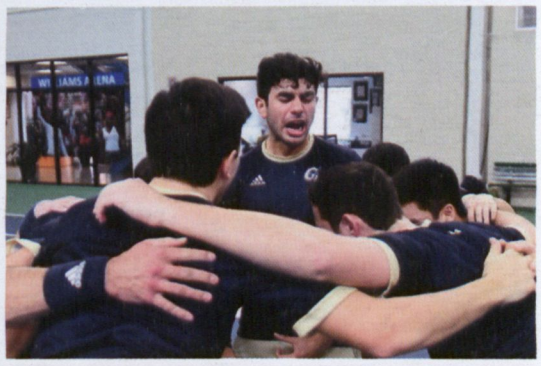
Why did you start playing tennis? I tried out a bunch of sports when I was younger and fell in love with tennis the moment I hit my first ball.

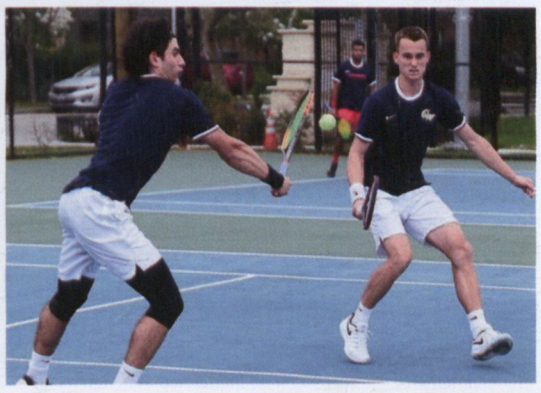
How do you get pumped for matches? I get pumped for matches when we do our team chant and huddle right before our matches.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? When I clinched against Georgetown to win the match and everyone came and gave me a big hug. It was the best feeling ever.



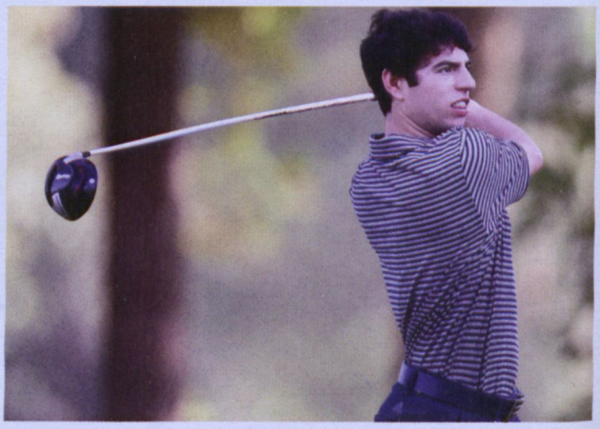






STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
ADRIAN CASTAGNOLA

Senior
Major: Finance
Hometown: The Woodlands, Texas



Who is your biggest inspiration? Logan Lowe

Why did you start playing golf? I started playing golf because I knew it was a skill I could use throughout my whole life.

What are your game day rituals? My game day ritual is getting out of bed 5min late, followed by a light stretch and some arm circles then eggs, ketchup and hot sauce for breakfast.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? My favorite memory as an athlete was celebrating with my team after our win at the Navy Invitational.

men's GOLF

GW Men's Golf Team started the season by welcoming Greg Pieczynski as an assistant coach. The team began fall play at the Joe Feaganes Marshall Invitational at the Guyan Golf and Country Club in Huntington, West Virginia, and finished victorious with the lowest team score in the final round.

The team finished 10th at the VCU Janney Invitational and 13th at the WVU Health Plan Mountaineer Invitational. The golfers finished the Penultimate Tournament of the fall season with a 14th place finish at the Elon Phoenix Invitational in Burlington, NC and finished the fall season at the Hawaii Ka'anapali Collegiate Classic.

The spring season began with the Colonials hosting the President's Match Play Championship in Weston, Florida. They played for the consolation championship after an opening day split, but lost ultimately 6-0 to Mercer. They finished 7th at the Bash at the Beach tournament with a team score of 2 under 862. What would have been a victorious season was cut short due to COVID-19, but the prospects of this successful season make the golfers even more eager to get back out on the green next season.

women's CROSS COUNTRY &TRACK

Women's Cross Country opened its fall season at Mount St. Mary's Duals in Emmitsburg MD, senior Suzanne Dannheim brought home an individual victory finishing third. The Mason Invitational in Leesburg, VA was the next fall race where Danheim continued to excel and won the women's race. On September 17th, Danheim was named A-10 Women's Performer of the Week.

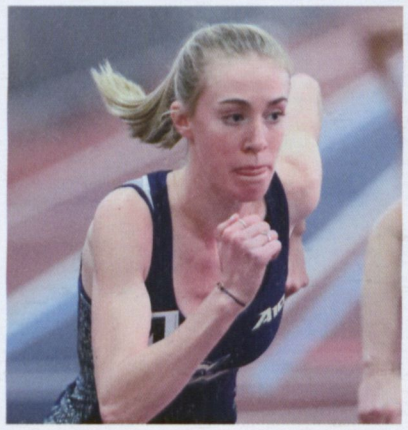
The Penultimate race of the regular season took place at the Paul Short Run in Bethlehem, PA, where the team finished 15th, with three top 25 individual finishes. The regular season concluded at the Princeton Invitational, where Danheim won and was named A-10 Performer of the Week again on October 22nd, her hard work and talent continued to shine.

The team competed for the A-10 championship in Leesburg, VA, with its best A-10 finish in its program's history as the team finished 2nd. The women competed as a team at the NCAA regionals where Danheim qualified for Nationals for the second time in her career. Overall, the team placed 9th, with its best program finish at regionals.

The team was named USTFCCCA All-Academic team and senior Danheim received a well deserved individual distinction as a national All America honoree.

The Women's Indoor Track season began at the Terrapin Invitational hosted by Maryland, where the runners earned 11 top 10 finishes in four distance events. The team headed to the Patriot Games at George Mason and shattered three school records.
At the VMI Winter Relays, hosted by Virginia Military Institute, the team scored six individual event wins and achieved two more school records. Danheim shattered the school record at the Valentine Invite, leading GW's 11th school record of the indoor season with a time of 9:28.08 in 3000m, beating the previous time by 25 seconds. Danheim continued to make herself and all of GW proud as she won a pair of conference titles at the A-10 championship hosted by Rhode Island. She ended the season with another distinction, being named to A-10 All Academic Team.

Despite not being able to have a spring outdoor track season, due to COVID-19 the women's track team shined this year and will look back at remembering all they accomplished as a team.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
SUZANNE DANHEIM

Senior
Major: Finance
Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida
Position: 5k/3k/Steeplechase

How did you get into running? I tried out for the volleyball team and the soccer team when I was going into 7th grade - I made neither. I was sitting around all summer and my dad told me he would give me $100 if I would go to cross country practice every day until the first race, and run that first race. In an incoming 7th grader's mind, you can buy a yacht with $100. I took the deal, and at the first race, I came 15th place out of 200 competitors across middle and high school. Safe to say I was sucked in at that point, and safe to say it was a pretty good investment for my dad.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? So tough. There are so many. When I qualified for Nationals in Cross Country, the team had just come off a record-setting second place finish at A-10 conference championships, which was just close enough to a win to leave us feeling a bit dissatisfied. The week after, I was battling it out with about 20 women in the NCAA Regional race, ultimately finishing seventh, and qualifying as an individual to Nationals. My teammates were so proud of me and all our hard work together felt like it paid off. Another unbeatable memory - hosting the Georgey's Awards with my 3 co-hosts and the excellent Kate Southall!

men's CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK

GW's men's cross country opened the fall season at the Mount St. Mary's Duals meet in Emmitsburg, MD, then the team travelled to Leesburg, VA for the Mason Invitational. The Penultimate race of the regular season took part at Paul Short Run in Bethlehem, PA, where the Colonials placed 14th. On October 8th, with his strong performance, James Glockenmeier was named A-10 Rookie of the Week.

The team finished the regular season at the Princeton Invitational then competed for the A-10 championship in Leesburg, VA where the team made up of entirely first year competitors finished 12th. With a couple more seasons in the future, the team is sure to take home first place.

The team competed at the NCAA regionals where the team sent two individual competitors to represent the Colonials. James Glockenmeier and Isaiah Robyne were named to the A-10 Rookie Team.

The Indoor Track season began at the Terrapin Invitational hosted by Maryland. The team headed to the Patriot Games at George Mason where the athletes shattered three school records. At the VMI Winter Relays hosted by the Virginia Military Institute, the Colonials brought back six individual event wins and two more school records. The team continued on to compete at the A-10 Championship hosted by Rhode Island.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the Colonials were not able to compete in the spring outdoor track season. Even though this year was cut short the team flourished with young talent and is destined for future success. Individual recognitions include Miles Grant who was named as A-10 Rookie of the Week on February 11th and Wesley Robinson named to the A-10 All Academic Team.

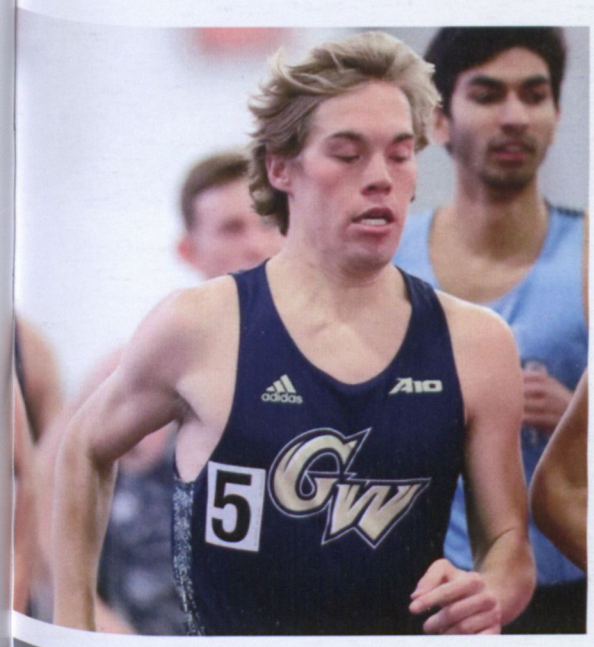
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
JAKOB COOMBES

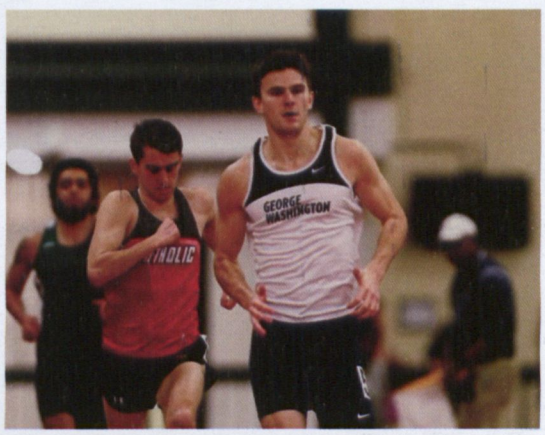
Senior
Major: Marketing
Hometown: El Paso, Texas
Position: Mid-Distance Runner

Who is your biggest inspiration? My mom is my biggest inspiration. Her work ethic and determination are infectious.

What are your pre-meet rituals? I love finding a quiet spot where I can be alone with my thoughts and music. I run the race over and over again in my head before I ever step out on the line.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? Showing up to practice after being deemed "cancer-free" and embracing my coach and teammates. A moment that I will never forget as long as I live.





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
ALEXANDRA MAUD

Graduate Student
Major: Media and Strategic Communications
Hometown: Dorchester, Massachusetts
Position: Forward/Center

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? "There's a song that the band plays before some of our games that the entire team loves. It's called "Hey Baby" by Bruce Channel. A CLASSIC. On senior night during warmups, I asked them if they were planning on playing it that night and they said no, that they didn't have the music for it with them, and were so apologetic to me. I assured them that it wasn't a big deal and continued to warm up while they played other great songs. At the end of the game, when we had essentially secured the win against Richmond and Coach Rizz took me out of the game for the proverbial last time on our home floor, I heard the band start singing the song. My head snapped up over to them, and the band leader, Jeremy Payano, was looking dead at me with a huge smile on his face as I started singing and dancing along. It literally put the cherry on top of a great team win and a great night celebrating my career with my team, my family and my friends. That was my favorite memory as a GW Athlete."

women's BASKETBALL

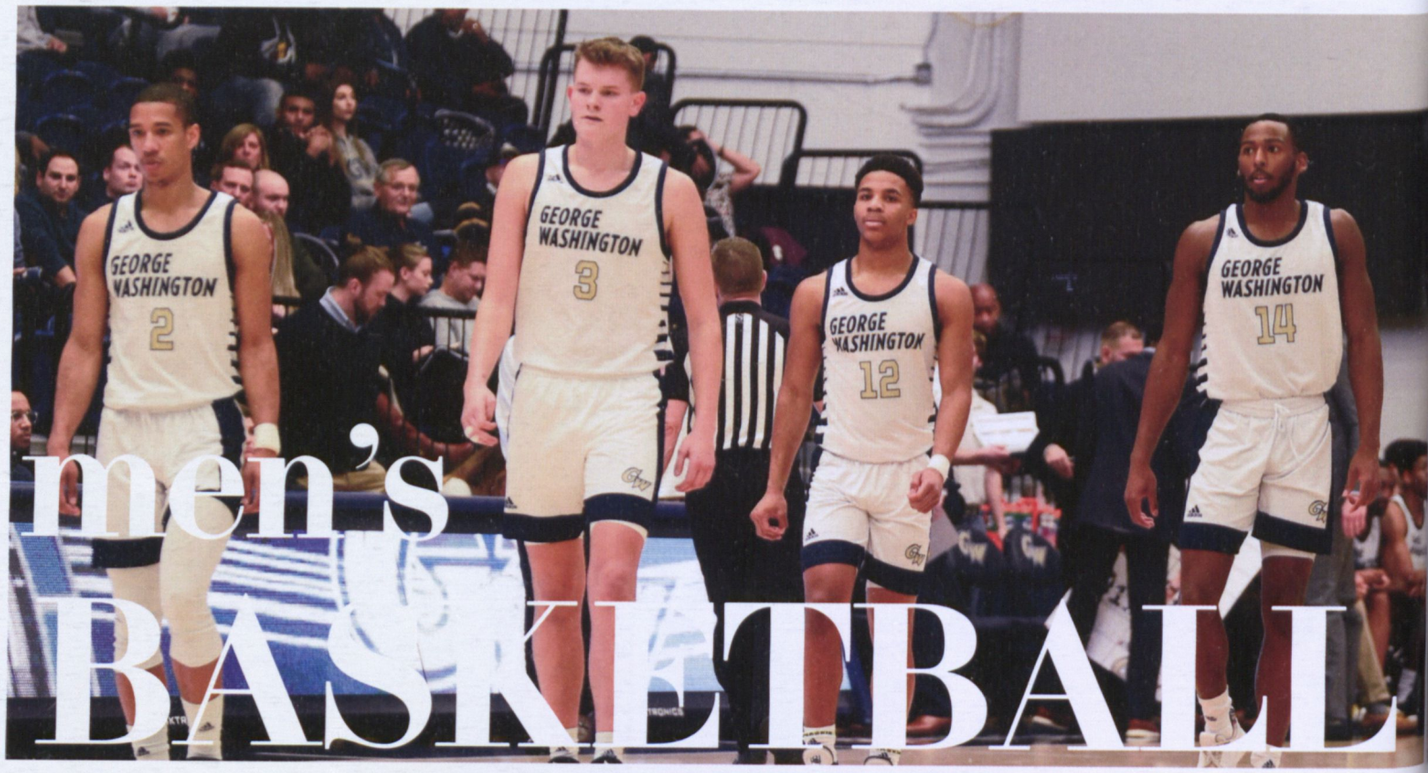
GW Women's Basketball opened its season with Jen Rizzotti as Head Coach and Neila Luma and Sydney Zambrotta were named A-10 Preseason All Conference second and third teams. The athletes played Villanova and won 68-56. They played Princeton for their home opener, and unfortunately lost that game, but won against Mercyhurst 75-37. Continuing a strong winning streak, the team won the second home game of the season against Georgetown, winning 52-49. The team won 64-63 in Memphis and 63-49 against Delaware, putting the Colonials on a three game winning streak.

The winning streak continued with the 4th win in a row 78-67 against Quinnipiac, the defending MAAC champion. On December 9th, Tori Hyduke was named A-10 Rookie of the Week and Kayla Mokwyah scored a career high of 18 points against American, an outstanding individual victory, but the team overall lost by 13 points.

The team finished non-conference play against William and Mary, losing 63-51. At the A-10 opener at George Mason, the team held their revolutionary rival to a three point lead in the first half, the game slipped away and they lost 70-60. After a few minor setbacks, the Colonials hosted Duquesne for Field Trip Day and won 65-60. Facing the undefeated Dayton team, the Colonials hosted Pride Night but lost. That did not worry them though, as the players beat UMass 50-47, the conference's fifth best team. Grad student Alexandra Maund helped the Colonials secure a 56-50 win over Saint Joseph.

The players altered their game strategy and had one of their most impressive wins against VCU 56-55. They hosted the annual Pink Game and matched up against the revolutionary rival George Mason for the second time this season, this time winning 65-57. To host the first round game of the A-10 championship, the team needed to secure a final win, which Maund helped lead to a 72-67 victory against Rhode Island.

The team played Richmond as it hosted the first round of the A-10 championship, but lost out of the tournament. The Women's Basketball team ended the season with a hefty amount of wins, including Mayowa Taiwo being named to the A-10 All Rookie Team.



men's BASKETBALL

GW's Men's Basketball team returned to GW with a resurfacing of the monument themed court, a full renovation of the Smith Center and new Head Coach, Jamion Christian. The team hosted the preseason home opener against Howard with a packed stadium that helped the Colonials win 76-62. The Colonials hosted American for International Night at the Smith Center and Morgan State for Beach Day. They then traveled to the Bahamas Showcase where Armel Potter hit his 1,000th career point in a win against Milwaukee. The team finished 5th at the showcase.

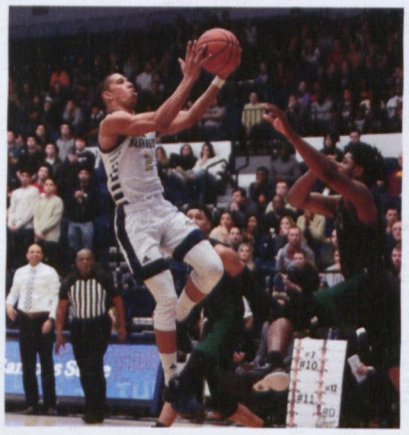
On November 25th, Jamison Battle was named A-10 Rookie of the Week. The Colonials faced a stressful game against Boston at home, and with 4 ties and 11 lead changes, they won on a buzzer beater shot. The Annual Holiday Hoopla was against Delaware, one of the 16 undefeated teams, and the Colonials shut the undefeated team down with a 66-56 win.

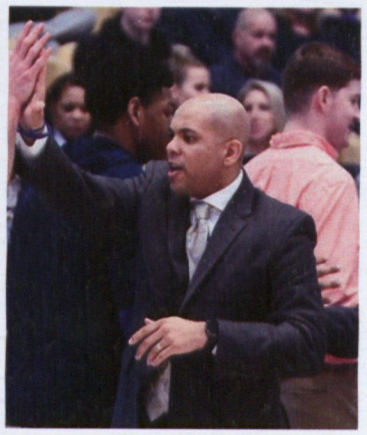
For the final home game of 2019, the team played Longwood at home and won 78-65, with a 106-61 mark for the decade. The Colonials kicked off 2020 and A-10 play hosting Bonaventure. Battle led a career high of 20 points, but the team lost 71-66. On January 13th, Battle claimed his second A-10 Rookie of the Week award, continuing to be a player to watch for the season.

The Colonials played the revolutionary rival George Mason and Colonial fans broke the world record for the most number of tri-corn hats worn at once. In addition to the world record, the players earned their first win of A-10 play.

Jameer Nelson Jr was named A-10 rookie of the week on January 27th. The team played Davidson at home and won 107-104. The players matched George Mason on the road once again and won 73-67. They hosted La Salle for a huge birthday bash for George but ended up losing 72-62.

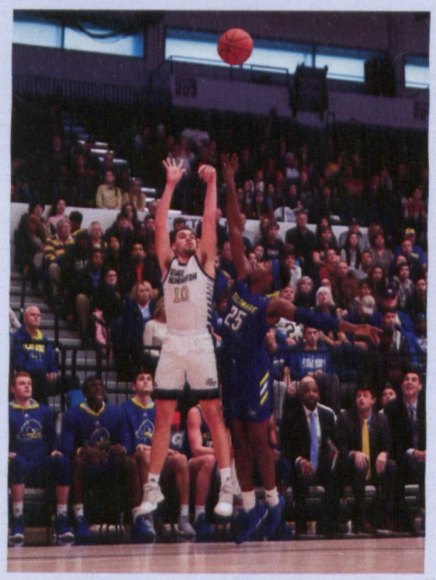
The team hosted Fordham for Senior Night, with all 5 seniors starting the game together, but it was a disappointing loss. The players finished regular season by battling #3 Dayton, and started the A-10 tournament against Fordham, but lost. With his outstanding skills on the court, Battle was named to A-10 All Rookie Team. Coach Christian proved to be leading the team to success and has huge plans for the future of GW Basketball.





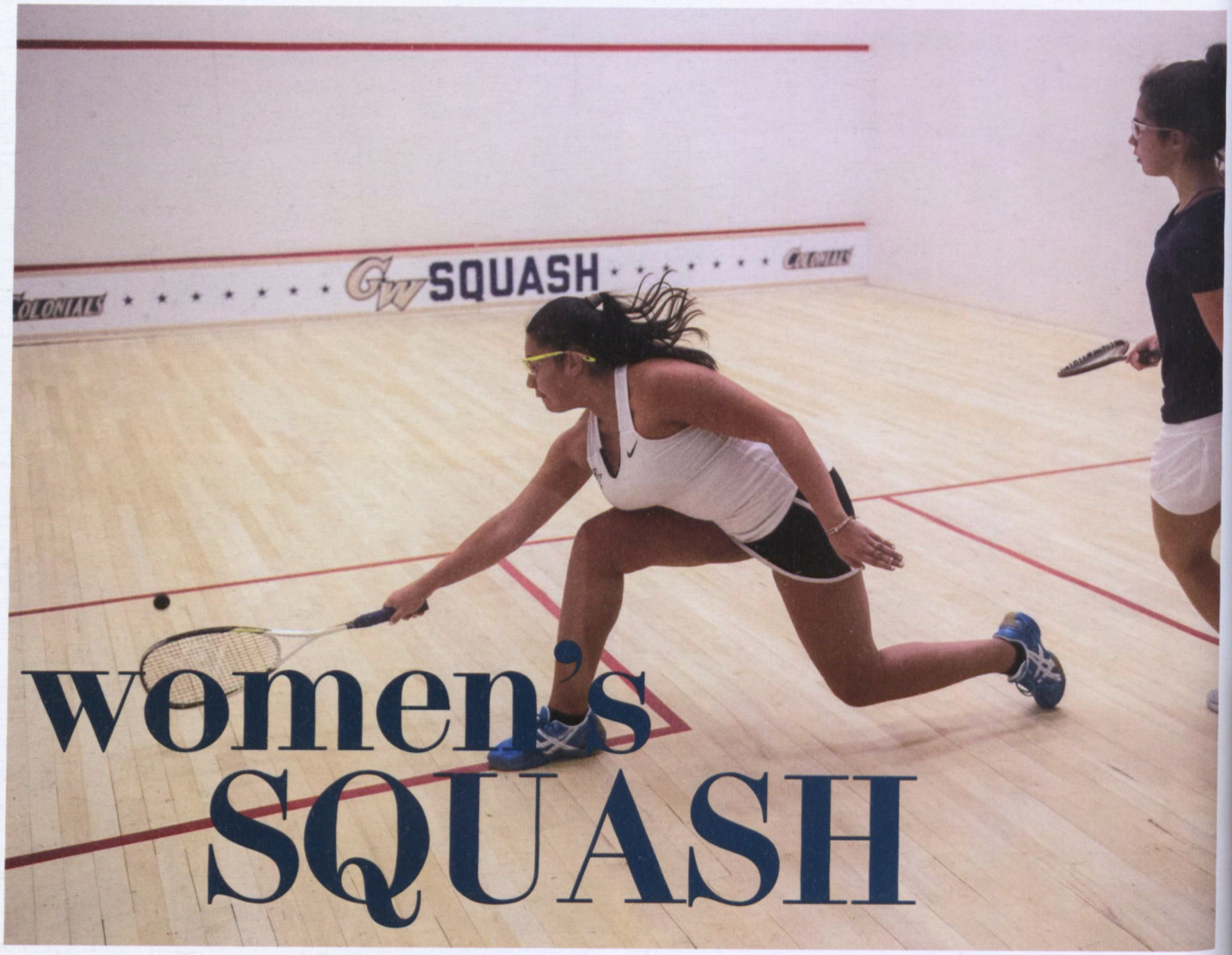
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
JAMISON BATTLE

Freshman
Major: Business Analytics
Hometown: Minneapolis, Minnesotta
Position: Guard/Forward



"My biggest inspiration is my mother. She was a single mother raising me. She went without a lot to get me through school and various sports. Since I started playing she has been my #1 fan and is always cheering me on. She put a lot of effort into raising me and to repay her, the one thing I can do is to give it my all in everything I do. Without her I would not be in the position I am today."

"My favorite memory so far at GW was the 4OT game vs. Davidson. That was the longest game I had ever been a part of and it was for sure the most nerve wracking! I remember it was a back and forth game and in the 4th OT I knew we had it because we all banded together and were determined to finish the game and win. Playing 59 minutes is something that I can put on my resume!"



women's SQUASH

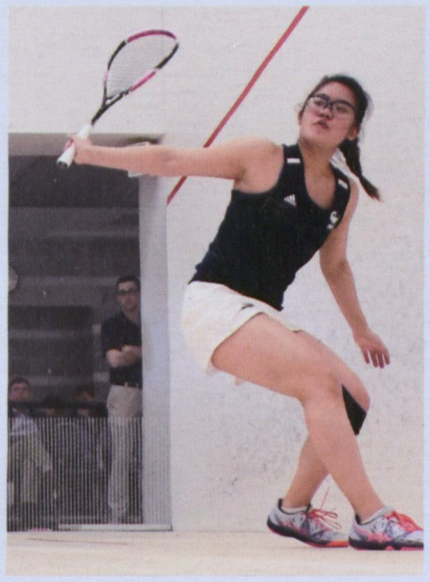
GW Women's Squash started early November with a sweeping win over Georgetown 9-0. At the second home match up against Princeton, the team lost to the No. 3 ranked team. The Colonials hosted No. 10 Virginia, but lost 8-1 then lost to No. 2 Trinity 9-0. With determination and hard work, the athletes won against Vassar 8-0 and beat No. 14 Middlebury 6-3. The winning streak continued as they beat Lawrence too, 8-0.

The team, ranked No. 15, took out on the road to face No. 13 Williams, but ultimately lost 6-3. Senior night was triumphant with a winning score of 8-0 against Dickinson. With a series of wins and losses, the team faced four opponents as part of the Mid-Atlantic Squash Conference Championship. The players entered the tournament as No. 3 and ended the tournament with a 6-3 win over Franklin and Marshall.

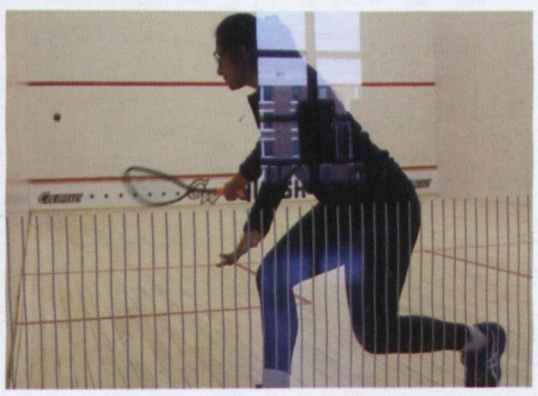
Increasing a rank, to No. 14, the Colonials headed to College Squash Nationals to play No. 11 Cornell, but lost 8-1. The second day, they beat Middlebury 5-4, but finished the tournament with a loss to William and Mary. The team sent 5 individuals to the CSA Nationals and Zoe Foo Yuk Han was named CSA First Team All American. The Colonials learned from their losses and celebrated their wins as a team, and now more than ever are ready to come back triumphant next season.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
ZOE FOO YUK HAN

Junior
Major: Organizational Sciences Minor: Business and Psychology
Hometown: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



"My favourite memory as an athlete in GW is when my team defeated a higher ranked school, Middlebury, 6-3 when we were short a player. Competing on a day where your team is short of a player is probably one of the saddest things that a college squash player should never have to experience. Of course, starting off with a game down, proves to be very challenging. However, my team held our heads up and went out there to do our absolute best. Without putting much focus on the outcome/result. We focused on what we could control and that is our performance and attitude on court. We managed to pull that win and this just comes to show that anything is possible if you put your mind to it. That was probably one of my proudest moments and memories that I have with the team."



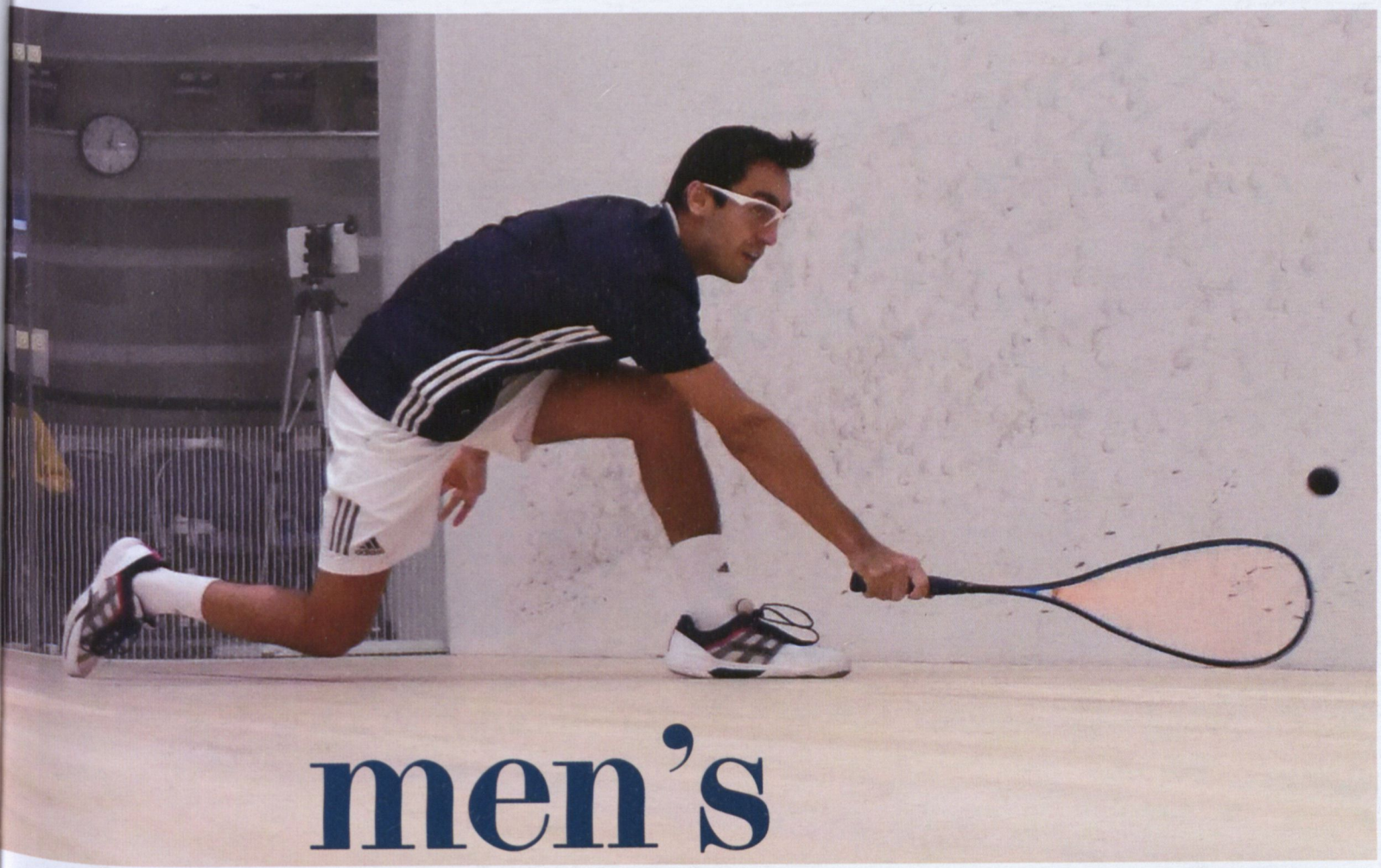
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
JAMIE OAKLEY

Senior
Major: Interior Architecture
Hometown: Mount Maunganui, New Zealand
Position: No. 3 on Ladder

Why did you start palying Squash? Squash is in my genetics. I am lucky enough to have a mother that was an eight-time British Open Champion and four-time World Open Champion. On top of that she was world number 1 for 108 months consecutively. My father was also a fairly handy player back in his day also.

What are your pre-game rituals? I try to find at least 20-30 minutes of quiet time and get away from all the matches going on. Try to find a nice quiet place to warm up and play my favorite artists. Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Bands "Night Moves" is always the last song before I go on to play.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? Winning the Hoehn Cup for the first time in program history. Was a surreal feeling and it couldn't have been done with a better group of teammates. Getting my first championship ring was a close second.



men's SQUASH

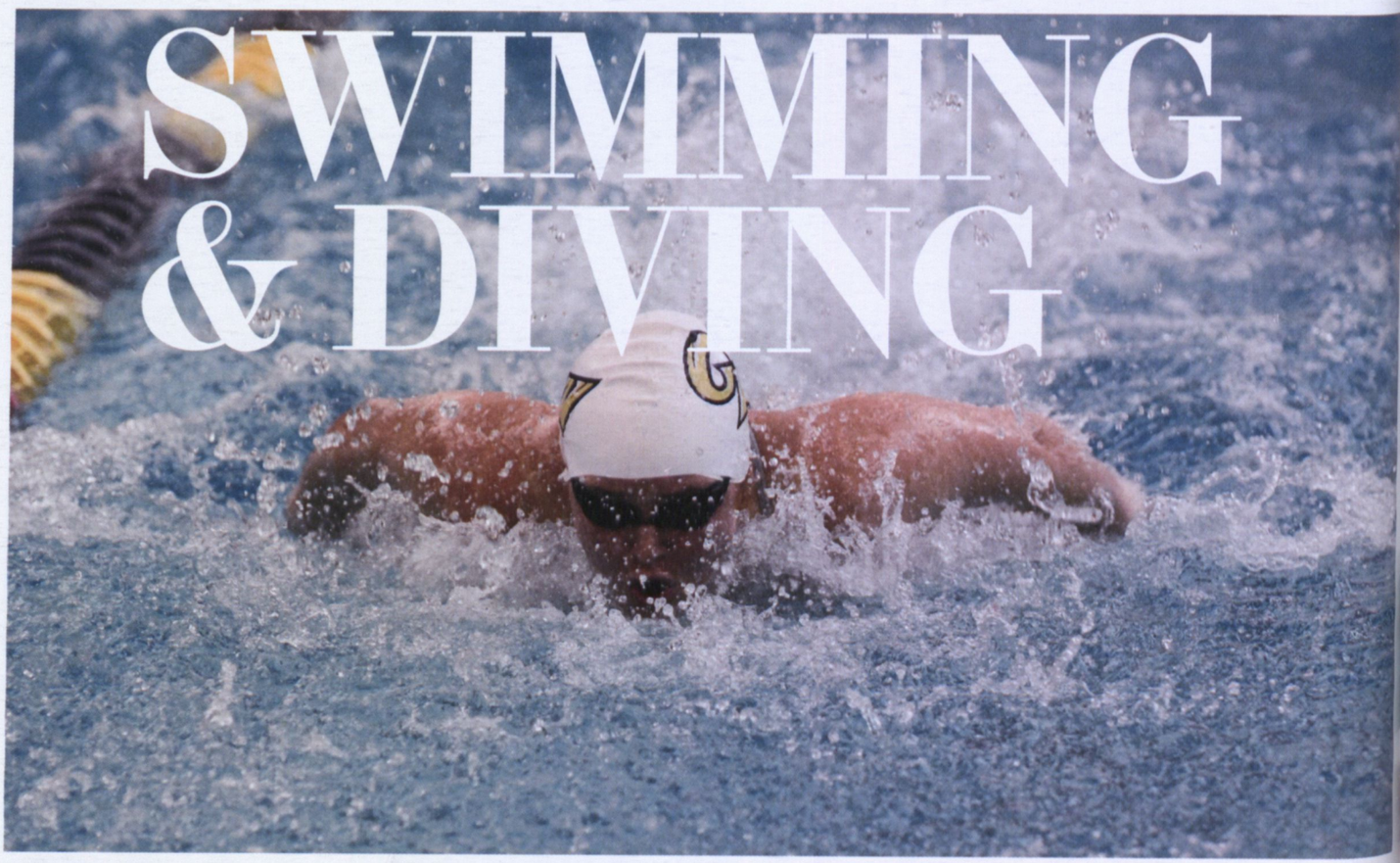
GW Men's Squash season started with the honor of Junior Mohammad Alterki selected to serve as a member of the College Squash Association player advisory committee. The team opened the 2019-20 season sweeping Georgetown 9-0. The players battled No. 4 Princeton, but lost 7-2. The team finished fall play hosting Penn, then took a road trip to New York to face Columbia, winning 5-4 against the No. 6 team.

The team returned to action in early January and hosted 4 opponents at home, lost to No. 2 Trinity 8-1, but fought back hard with a series of wins. The team won against Vassar 9-0, Middlebury 9-0, and Lawrence as well 6-3. The winning streak continued with a 6-3 win against Navy at an away game. The 5 match winning streak held strong against Williams as the team won 7-2, but eventually lost to Dartmouth 6-3. With only a minor set back, the team hosted Dickinson for Senior Night and won 9-0.

The players faced 6 teams over one weekend for part of the Mid-Atlantic Squash Conference Championship. They entered as No. 3 seed and concluded championship falling to No. 1 seed Drexel 5-4.

They hosted Rochester for the regular season finale but lost to the No. 5 ranked team 7-2. Ranked at No. 14, they headed to CSA Nationals, ending the tournament with a win against MIT 6-3 and finishing the season ranked 15th. Five individuals were sent to the CSA Nationals. With a season as successful as the Colonials had this year, it makes them that much more eager to get back on the court and see what else they are able to achieve as a team.

women's SWIMMING & DIVING



GW Women's Swimming and Diving started the season at the top of A-10 preseason polls. The team opened the fall season at the Tyr Fall Classic. Gemma Atherley, Meghan Burton, Jackie Torrez all had individual third place finishes. Stine Omdahl Petersen was honored by A-10 for her outstanding college debuts.

At the first home meet against Boston College, Andrea Moussier, Andrea Ho, and Stine Omdahl Petersen were double winners and the team won overall 155-145. The Colonials traveled to Navy, and Andrea Moussier and Stine Omdahl Petersen picked up individual victories. The team swept swimming events for a 158-47 win over Howard.

Andrea Ho, Stine Omdahl Petersen, Meghan Burton, and Gemma Atherley led a program record swim in the 400 yard relay on the opening day of the Sheraton le Meridien Fall Frenzy Invite hosted by Queens University. Stine Omdahl Peterson broke the program record in the 100 yard breaststroke and took third at the Invite. Three athletes were honored by A-10 for their performance at theFall Frenzy Invite. The team defeated Richmond 173-123 in the fall finale.

The Colonial swimmers traveled to the Toyota US Open Championship to go up against some of the world's best swimmers. They welcomed Georgetown for Senior Day, and Gemma Atherley and Jackie Torrez celebrated Senior Day with individual wins for an overall 155-88 win over Georgetown.

The swimmers closed the regular season at West Virginia. Andrea Ho and Stine Omdahl Petersen's event wins helped lead the Colonials to victory 162-138. They celebrated their first title win at the A-10 championship. They celebrated a successful and historical 2019-20 season with a virtual banquet.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
MARISSA MARTIN

Graduate Student
Major: Security Policy Studies
Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
Position: Distance and Freestyle

Who is your biggest inspiration? Carl Sagan

Why did you start swimming? When I was little, I used to think that no one could see or hear me when I was underwater. So I felt like I had to learn to swim in case I was ever in a pool and under attack.

What are your pre-meet rituals? I get pumped by interacting with my teammates and being in the moment. My ritual is remembering to take my inhaler.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? At our midseason meet after swimming the mile, my teammate DH Hwang gave me a giant hug for counting for him. I almost cried.

men's SWIMMING & DIVING

GW Men's Swimming and Diving started the season picked at the top of the A-10 preseason polls. The season started off on a high note, with George Aspougalis scoring a victory in the 100 yard breaststroke at the TYR fall classic, and the team took third. George Aspougalis was honored by A-10 for his outstanding collegiate debuts.

At the first home meet versus Boston College, the team was victorious 171.5-126.5. Dylan Arzoni, George Aspougalis, Andrew Cho, and Peter Nachtwey each had two individual wins and Tyler Kawakami was named A-10 rookie of the week for his performance. The swimmers attended the Sheraton Le Meridien Fall Frenzy Invite hosted by Queens University with 12 athletes scoring over 3 events. Peter Nachtwey posted the season's best performance on the 3 meter board and led the divers to the NC State/GAC Invitational. George Aspougalis was named A10 rookie of the week on December 12th. At Senior Day against Georgetown, Peter Nachtwey posted a pair of NCAA Zones qualifying scores to sweep diving events, and the team overall won 153-90. Peter Nachtwey was also honored as A-10 Performer of the Week on January 21st. Zach Hu was named A10 Rookie of the Week for efforts against William and Mary on January 28th. The team ended the regular season at West Virginia, with DH Hwang and Haoning Chen recording individual wins.

At the A-10 championship, Moritz Fath and Josh Legge grabbed top two spots on the 500 yard freestyle podium, and George Aspougalis and Moritz Fath claimed two individual gold medals and then got silver on a relay, with a total of 7 medals earned at the championship. Peter Nachtwey continued the season at the NCAA Zone A Diving Championship, placing 31st on the 3 meter board, and 37th on the 1 meter board. Senior Emils Pone was the first man from Native Lativa to post a FINA B-cut with a career best 200 meter individual medley at the USA Swimming TYR pro series meet. Moritz Fath and Peter Nachtwey earned A-10 all academic honors and the team celebrated the end of the season with a virtual banquet. Based on the victories that this season brought it is clear that this group of swimmers and divers is one for the history books.

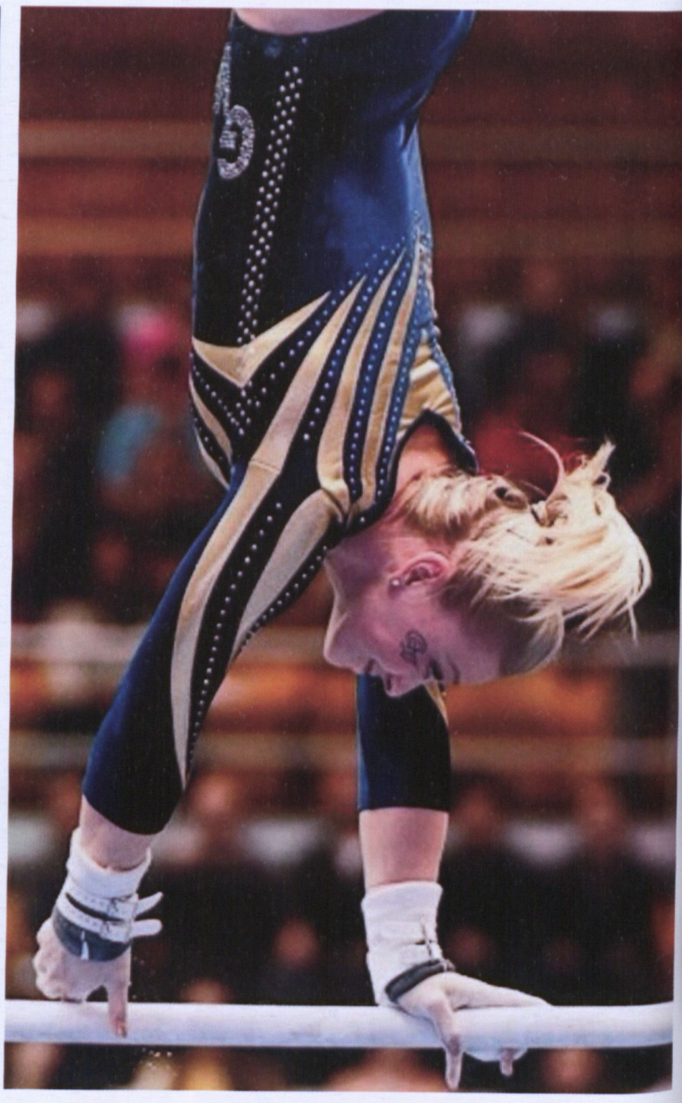
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
PETER NACHTWEY

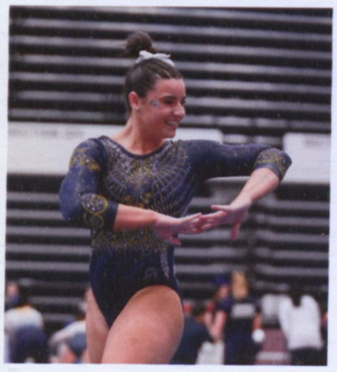
Junior
Major: Economics and Spanish
Hometown: Chagrin Falls, Ohio
Position: Diving

Who is your biggest inspiration? The entire GW diving team- they inspire me to not only work hard, but also to have fun with everything that I do.

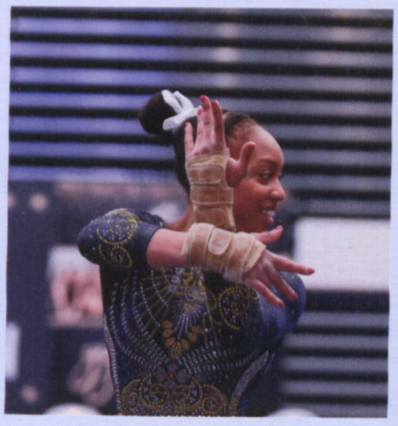
What are your pre-meet rituals? I always like to be talking with my teammates and opponents before meets, as I tend to do better if I am not too hyper-focused on my dives. I also like to do each of my dives once during a warm up and do my first dive again about 5 minutes before the meet starts.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? If I had to pick one specific memory, it would be celebrating with my teammates after Jake Ortiz and I both made the podium for the 3-meter event at the 2019 Atlantic 10 Championships.





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
DEJA CHAMBLISS



Sophomore
Major: Exercise Science
Hometown: Chesterfield, Virginia
Position: All-Around

"I started gymnastics at the age of 6 after I flipped off my couch and broke my mom's coffee table. It was summer time, so my parents signed me up at our local gymnastics gym to give me an outlet for all of the energy I had as a kid... and save the rest of our furniture. From that day on I've lived in the gym."

"My favorite memory of being an athlete at GW would be our first ever podium meet this year in the Smith Center. That was my first meet competing in the All-around in front of our home crowd and our first gymnastics meet to ever be on a podium. There's nothing better than doing the sport I love with such a supportive team in the presence of a community that truly wants to see us succeed as we made history at GW."

women's GYMNASTICS

The GW Gymnastics team was ranked No. 32 in the WCGA preseason poll and was picked second in the EAGL preseason poll. The gymnasts opened 2020 at the Little Boston Invitational and faced West Chester and Maryland, finishing second with a score of 193.775.

The team kicked off the 2020 home season hosting the Lindsey Ferris invitational, finishing second with a score of 193.225.

The team headed to UC Davis to take on Sacramento, Alaska and UC Davis, winning the meet. The gymnasts hosted the Pink Meet, hitting their season high score, but they lost to Kent State on the road. They continued meets on the road against EAGL rival New Hampshire in a quad meet, finishing third. Their second trip west was to take on University of Denver, finishing second.

They returned home to host the Sweet Meet, this was the first time in program history the team hosted a Podium Meet, and posted their season high 195.9 to finish second. They traveled to Chapel Hill for a dual meet against UNC, and finished just behind the Tarheels. The team posted their third straight score above 195.000 at Towson then ended their home season hosting senior night and ending with a team score of 195.825.

Deja Chambliss was named EAGL gymnast of the week on March 10th, in addition to fifteen GWU athletes who were named to 2020 All EAGL Atlantic Gymnastics League Scholastic Team. Seven athletes were selected to All EAGL Atlantic Gymnastics Teams and Junior Anna Warhol named EAGL scholar athlete of the year. The victorious season was cut short, but the team celebrated the end of the season with a virtual banquet.

women's SOFTBALL

GW Softball opened the season in February at a tournament all the way in Mexico. While the experience was unique, the players lost in the final game 5-2 to No. 3 Oklahoma. At the ECU Pirate Clash, Jenna Cone hit a three run home to secure a 6-5 win for the Colonials over De Paul, but the team came up short in the last game against host East Carolina 2-0.

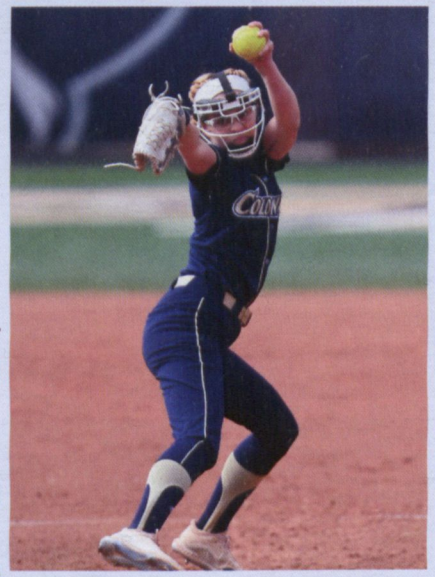
The team continued early season tournament play at the UNCW's Seahawk Softball Classic. Jenna Cone, Alessandra Pince, and Faith Weber hit home runs to secure a 15-10 win over UNC Wilmington. Faith Weber blasted a pair of home runs for a win 2-1 against Brown. With her outstanding performance, Faith Weber was named A-10 Player of the Week on February 24th and again on March 9th was named A-10 Pitcher of the Week.

The players opened their season at home with 10 games over three days at the Mount Vernon campus. They lost an extra inning battle to Towson 3-2 in the home opener. However, individual victories kept spirits up. Elana Shelepak had a career high 5 RBI's and Kaitlin Buff threw her first career shutout to win 9-0 Morgan State in 5 innings. Elana Shelepak hit a two run home run in the bottom of the eight inning to secure a 7-5 walk off win over Princeton.

GW Softball hosted the Buff and Blue challenge for its second home tournament and won against Winthrop 7-2. Jenna Cone led the team to a pair of wins in a double header and won against Bucknell 4-3 in a home double header.

Unfortunately, the season came to a halt due to the pandemic. This season will still be remembered as successful, seniors Jenna Cone, Jessica Linquist, and Elena Shelepak were named to CoSIDA Academic All-District 2 First Team with the strong skills they displayed on the field this season. Jenna Cone and Jessica Linquist were honored as CoSIDA Academic All-Americans as well. The team is sad to see their beloved seniors go, but are eager to get back on the field and improve on what they learned this season.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
KAITLIN BUFF

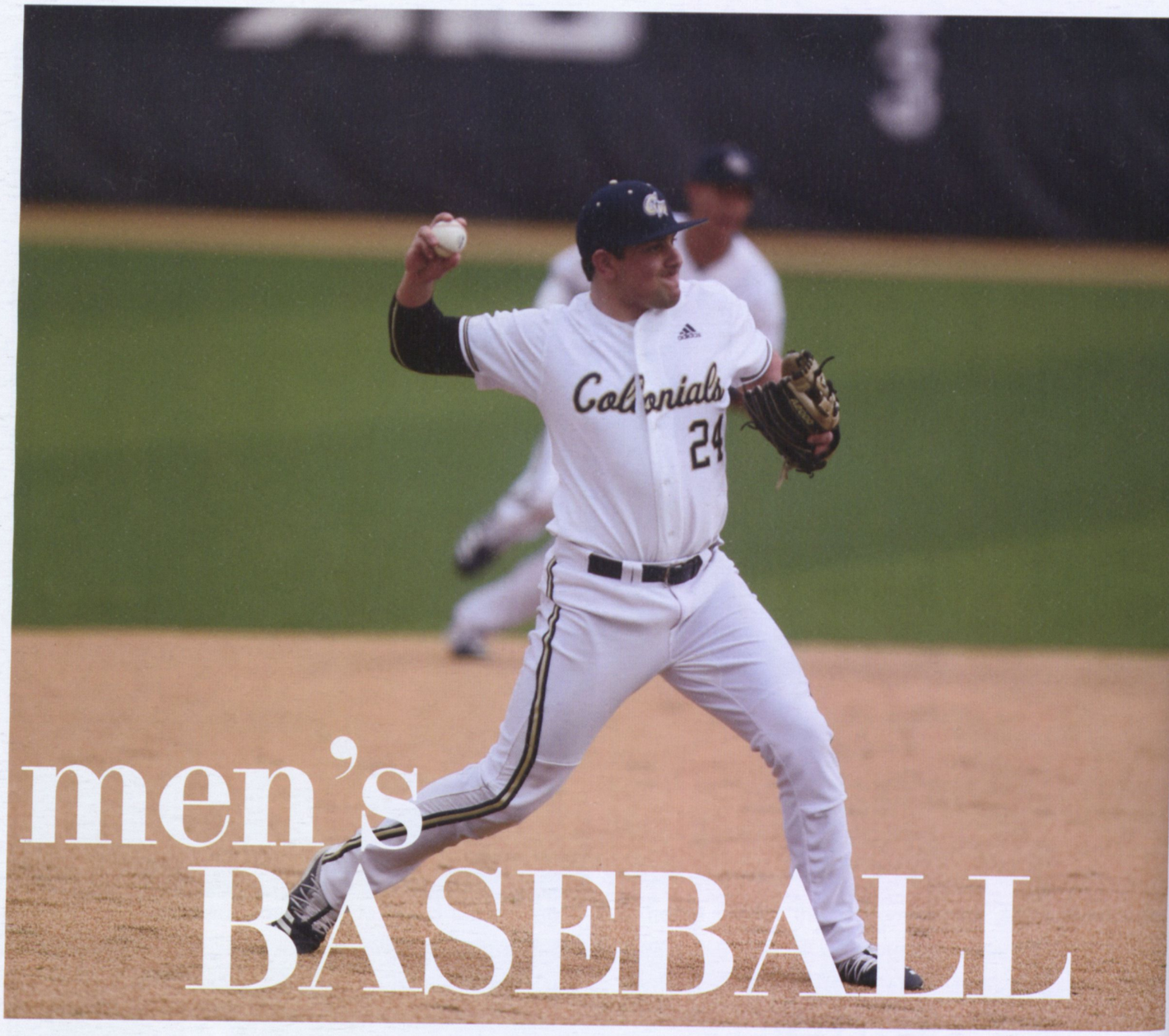


Senior
Major: Business with a concentration in Marketing
Hometown: Lomita, California
Position: Pitcher

Who is your biggest inspiration? My dad. He was a professional BMX rider growing up, and he always taught me the importance of hard work and determination.

Why did you start playing softball? I started out playing baseball and eventually moved to softball, so I could continue to play as I got older.
What are your pre-game rituals? I have a gameday playlist with songs that get me pumped up. We also listen to music in the locker room before games and dance around to get pumped.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? My favorite memory has to be becoming A-10 champions during my junior year. Though it wasn't in a conventional way, I will always remember it.



men's BASEBALL

Even though GW's Baseball team didn't get to finish its season due to COVID-10, it's season was victorious. GW's baseball team, coached by Coach Gregg Ritchie, opened at home against Georgetown and won 3-2, setting the bar for a strong season. The team hosted the first home series against Marist, lost the first game in 10 innings (12-8), but won the second game 6-4 after being tied 4-4 for most of the game. The players won the series with a 3-1 win in the final game.

Coach Ritchie had a rewarding season with the team as he grasped his 200th win with the team in a 4-2 victory over UMBC. The team led a 4 game winning streak after winning 7-4 to Coppin State. With the best start to a season in 5 years, the colonials travelled to #19 Tennessee, lost 7-1 after Sophomore Harrison Cohen held Tennessee 0-1 until the 7th inning. The team lost the second game 7-3, and the third 10-0.

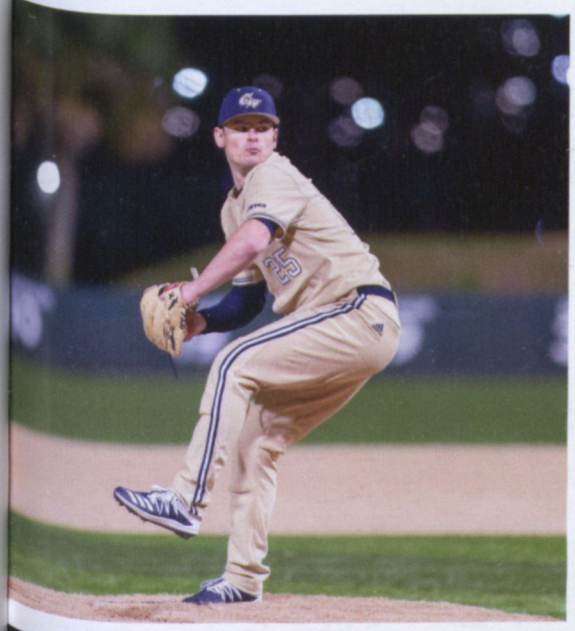
No matter the losses, the team returned home to win. The Colonials won against William and Mary 4-2. Harrison Cohen shut out Monmouth and led the team to a 2-0 win. However, the team lost the second game and final game 4-2. With his spectacular performance this season, Harrison Cohen was named A-10 Pitcher of the Week on March 9th.

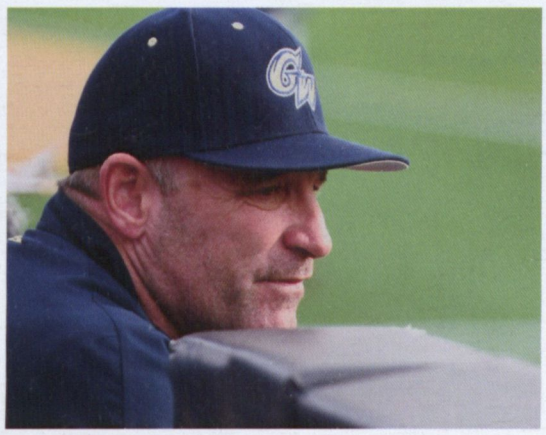
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
NOAH LEVIN

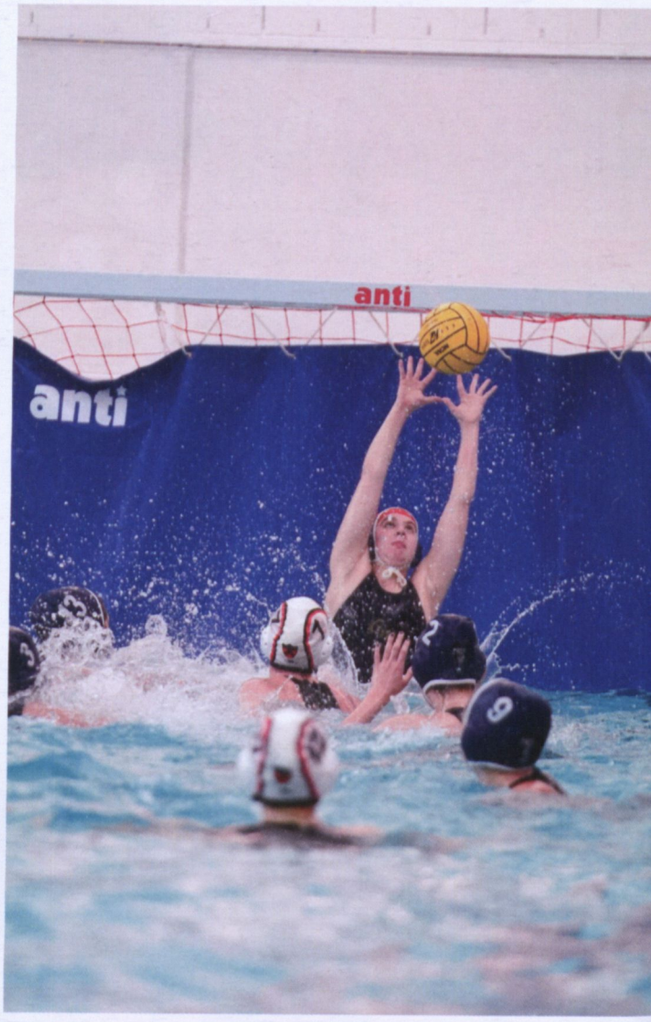
Sophomore
Major: BBA in Finance
Hometown: Tarzana, California
Position: Infielder

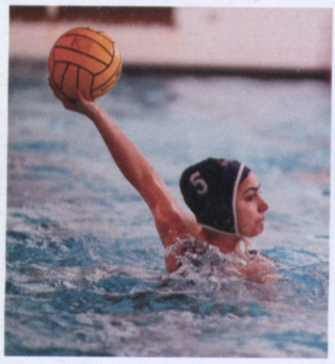
"My biggest inspiration is my Grandpa. He has been my biggest supporter since I first picked up a bat, and he always made sure he was able to come to my games no matter how far away they were. His support and love for the game definitely motivates me to be the best I can be."

"My favorite memory of being a GW athlete is when I hit a walkoff single to beat St. Bonaventure on Senior Day last year to complete the sweep of the series. The seniors had helped me so much throughout the year, on and off the field, and in order to help them get a win on their Senior Day was easily the best part of my time here at GW."

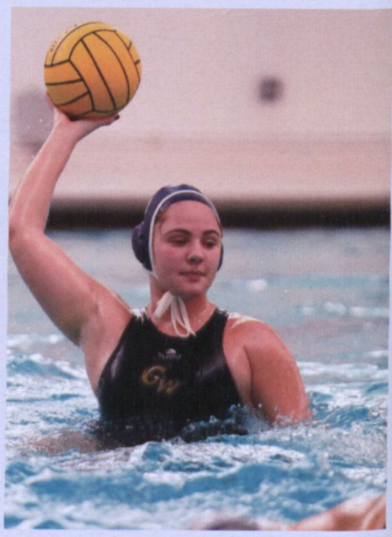








STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
ALLISON DECICCO

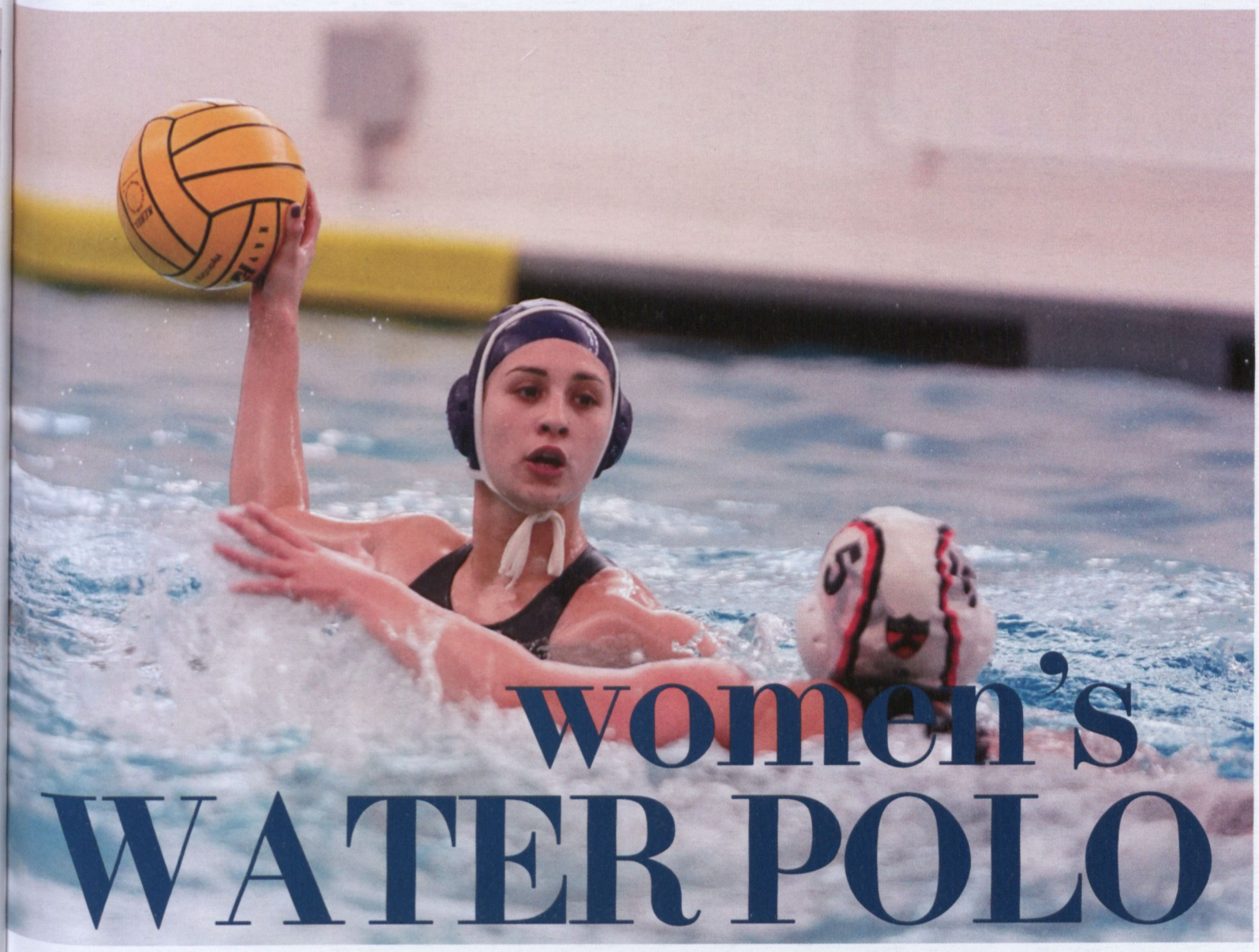


Senior
Major: Computer Science
Hometown: Windermere, Florida
Position: Attacker

"My biggest inspiration is my grandma. She came to the United States from Italy and taught herself English while reading the New York Times. She taught me that hard work will get you anywhere and that even if you have absolutely nothing, you can make something for yourself, which is exactly what she did when she came to America."

"I chose water polo because after swimming for so many years, I decided to give something new a try. I loved the game component and the challenge it gave while still including swimming. I met some of my best friends while playing, and it became something that I loved."

"My favorite memory while playing at GW was beating Harvard my sophomore year. It was something that the team had not accomplished in a really long time and was really exciting to be a part of."



women's WATER POLO

The Women's Water Polo season started off with the addition of Jennifer Beadle as Assistant Coach. The team finished opening weekend with a win 12-6 against St Francis Brooklyn. The athletes played four games at the Bucknell Invitational, lost the first game, but were victorious in the 2nd and 3rd games. Hannah Hathaway scored a career high of four goals to win the final game of the Invitational 12-5.

Alana Ponce and Mackenzie Matheny were honored by the Collegiate Water Polo Association for leading the Colonials to three wins at the Bucknell Invitational. The athletes traveled to the Princeton Invitational, lost the first two games, but ended the weekend on a win over St francis Brooklyn 9-5.

The Colonials hosted Princeton for Senior Night, but lost 12-8. This was their only game hosted at the Smith Center this season. Alana Ponce made GW Water Polo history by becoming the only Colonial to earn All-American honors from the Association of Collegiate Water Polo coaches. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the season was cut short, but the games they did get to play the athletes grew as a team and are eager to be back in the water together next year.

women's ROWING

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
KATE DONOHUE

Senior
Major: Biology
Hometown: Haddonfield, New Jersey
Position: Port/Starboard

Who is your biggest inspiration?
Suzanne Dannheim ‹3

Why did you start rowing?
I started rowing because my older brother rowed in High School as well. I had the build for it and wanted to try something new after 15 years of swimming.. I instantly fell in love with rowing and never looked back.

What are your pre-race rituals?
I like to stay loose but focused before a big race. Listening to music and going over the race plan helps me get my head in the game and visualize success on the racecourse.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete?
GW Invite 2019. Being able to race on our home course surrounded by family, friends, teammates, and alumni makes the GW Invite my favorite weekend of the year. Especially when Colonial Brass showed up!

The 2019-2020 women's rowing season started out on a high note welcoming Katy Ruderman as an assistant coach. The women got the opportunity to compete at the fall Princeton Chase on Carnegie Lake regatta. Once fall regattas were over the athletes were hard at work preparing and training to have their best spring season yet. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the women's rowing team was unable to compete in their spring season. This was disappointing for the team, and especially the seniors who have put countless hours into being the best leaders and athletes for this team. Despite this set back, the team honored and thanked their seniors virtually and is ready more than ever to come back and compete as a team.

men's ROWING

The 2019-2020 men's rowing season brought in new head coach Eric Gehrke, when Mark Davis resigned. Eager to compete under new leadership the athletes spent the fall and winter seasons training and preparing to have their best season yet. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 these athletes were not able to compete in their spring season. This was extremely disappointing for the team, but they made the best of the situation and honored their seniors for their commitment and athleticism that they have dedicated to this team. Despite this setback the team announced nine new athletes to join the team next year. New team members and returning team members are eager to get back out on the water and create a cohesive team for their best season yet.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
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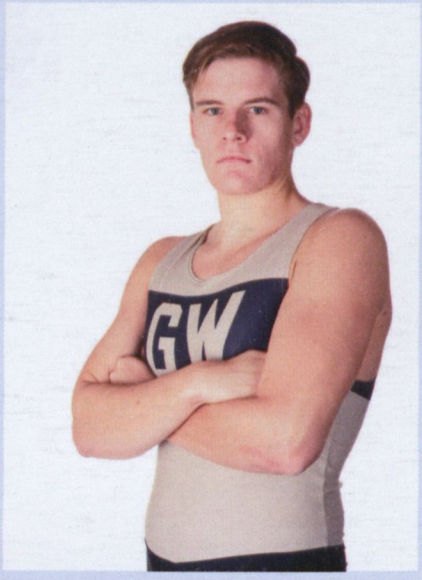


Senior
Major: Business Administration with concentrations in Finance and Sports Management Minor: Statistics
Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Position: Port Side

"My biggest inspiration is my Dad. Seeing how hard he works day in and day out motivates me to do the same."

"I started rowing my sophomore year of high school because the sport is somewhat of a tradition in my family. My grandfather James Barker competed and coached on the national level. My grandfather has passed the love of the sport down throughout our family."

"On race days I try not to overhype myself before a race. I try my best to visualize the race beforehand to mentally prepare myself. The one thing I can't race without is my pre race coffee. I feel like it increase my alertness just enough to allow me to preform at my highest level. I just need to be careful to not have too much. I made that mistake a few times freshmen year. "

"My favorite memory as a GW athlete has to be finishing first in the third level final at the 2019 IRA National Championship. This put us as the 13th ranked varsity 8 in the country and was a program best finish. It was a race that we were behind for most of the time. We pushed back in the last 500 meters to win. It was a culmination of a years worth of hard work and sacrifice. The guys in that boat will forever be bonded knowing we did something no other GW oarsmen has ever done."

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
CAROLINE KIERNAN

Senior
Major: Exercise Science
Hometown: Cold Spring Harbor, New York
Position: Midfield

What is your favorite pre-game ritual? GW Lacrosse pre game locker room is like no place in the world. My favorite way to get pumped up for a game is to have the usual dance off in the locker room paired with any Big Bootie Mix blasting from the speaker. Pregame ritual: Dunkin iced coffee, skim milk with pump of caramel.

What is your favorite memory as a GW athlete? My all time favorite memory of being a GW athlete was during our game vs. VCU my junior year. It was the most packed I have ever seen the vern and the weather was perfect. In addition, Colonial Brass was dropping beats for that game and we played the best game of our season.

women's LACROSSE

The GW Lacrosse team started off their year together, as they have for 8 years now, sponsoring the Colonial Harvest to collect food for holiday baskets for families in the DC community in need. The Colonial Harvest was one of the events during the home opener weekend, just has it has in the past the event united athletes from all sports and they were able to collect more food than ever to donate.

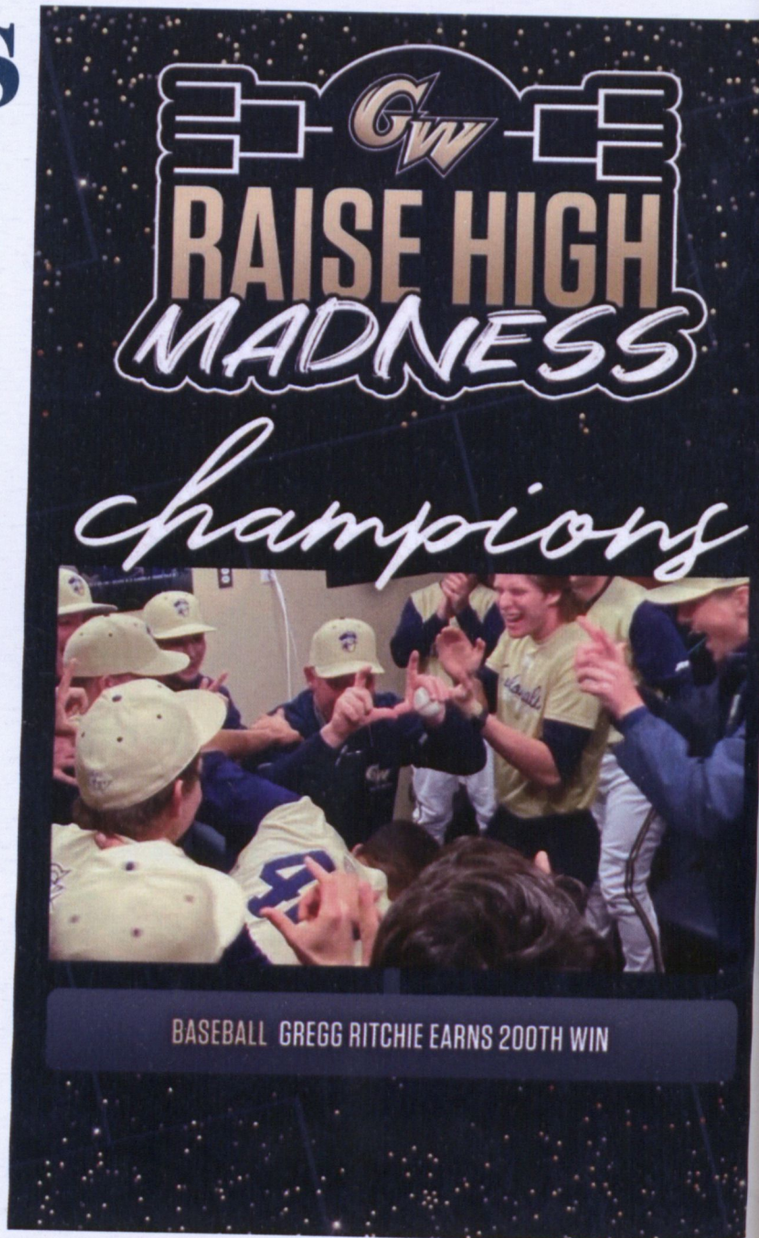
The Women's Lacrosse team had a rough season cut short by COVID-19. The team opened the 2020 season with the new head coach Jenny Ulehla. The athletes played against Temple in february, but lost 17-8. They also played American for the home opener, but lost 20-16, then lost 21-6 against No. 25 ranked Georgetown. Without the stress of a global pandemic and full season, the lacrosse team would've surely come out victorious. The women are looking forward to getting back out on the court together in order to have the successful season they could have had this year.

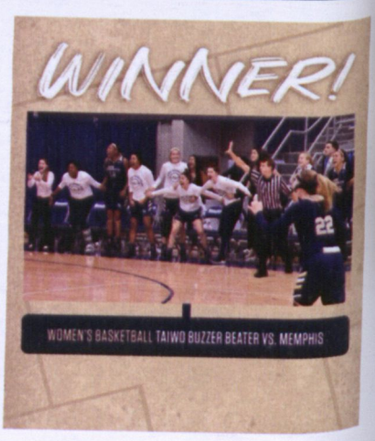
RAISE HIGH madness

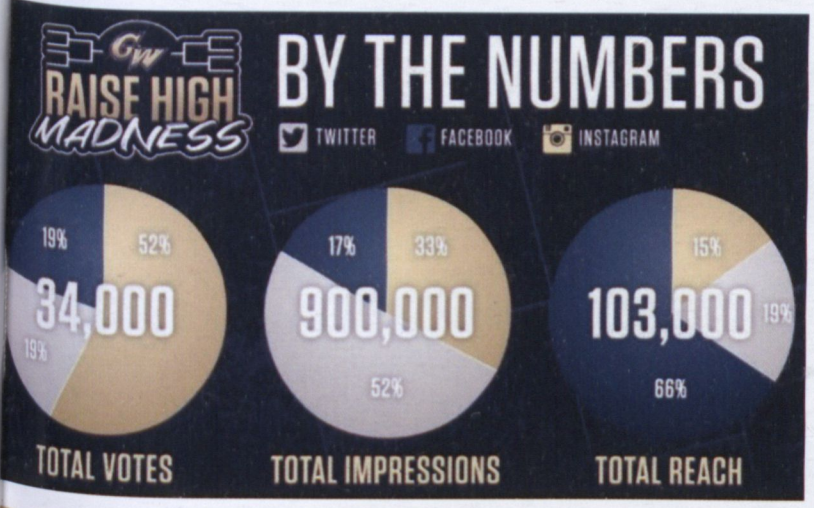
While COVID-19 moved classes online and cancelled spring sports for universities nationwide, including the NCAA's annual March Madness basketball tournament, GW Athletics refused to let the season go without one last competition. The Athletic Department kicked off Raise High Madness on March 19, an effort to find the best GW sports moment of the 2019-2020 season.

The bracket was composed of 32 memorable moments, separated into four eight-team regions, and match-ups took place over three weeks, culminating with the championship matchup on April 6. All voting took place through Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram polls that rallied 34,000 votes across all platforms. After some close calls, the Baseball Team pulled through with a win. Director of Athletics, Tanya Vogel, announced the crowning moment as Coach Gregg Ritchie's 200th win. Coming in at a close second was the Men's Swimming Team represented by Senior Moritz Fath who received the A-10 Most Outstanding Performer award for the second year in a row.

The friendly competition showcased the strength and perseverance of the GW community, even during trying times. The series extended beyond state lines and country borders to unite all 27 sports teams for one last competition.



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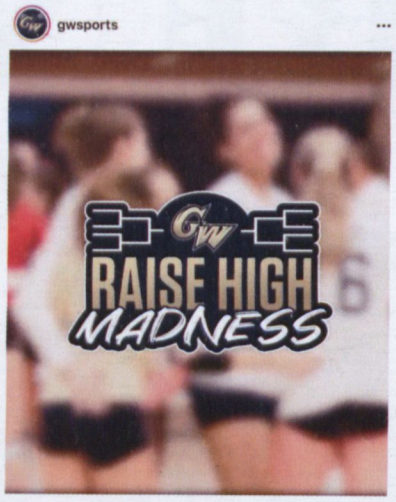
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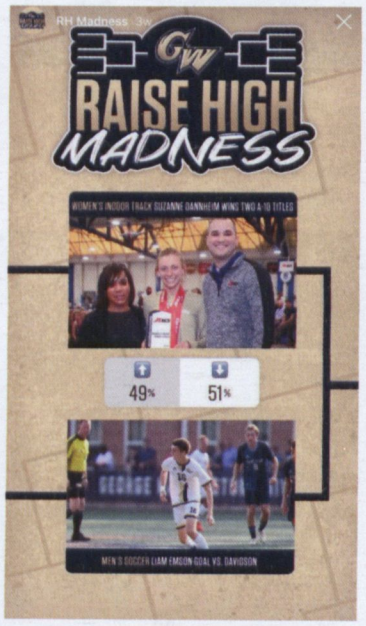
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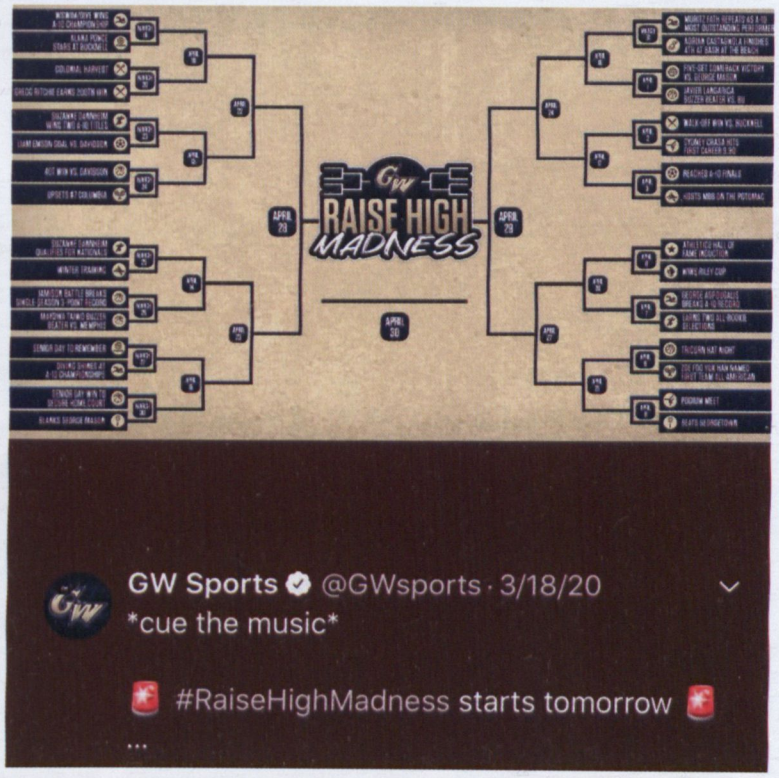
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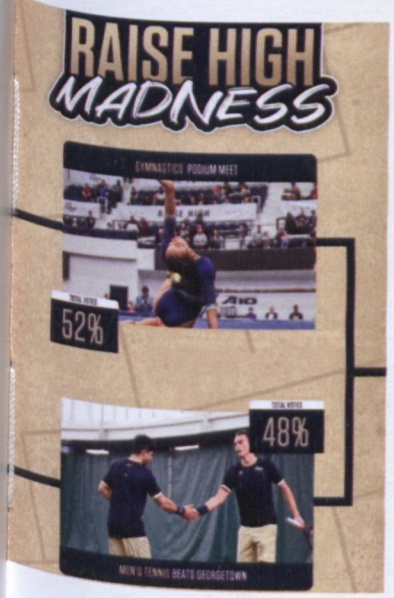
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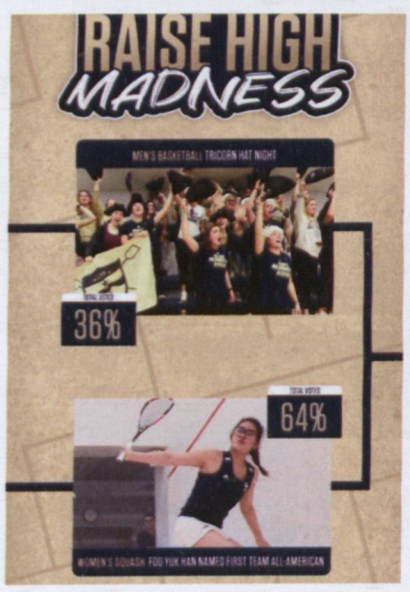
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GW Women's Basketball
@GW_WBB

Did you spot us around town today?
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GW Swimming & Diving
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Not a bad morning for a conditioning test. 😎

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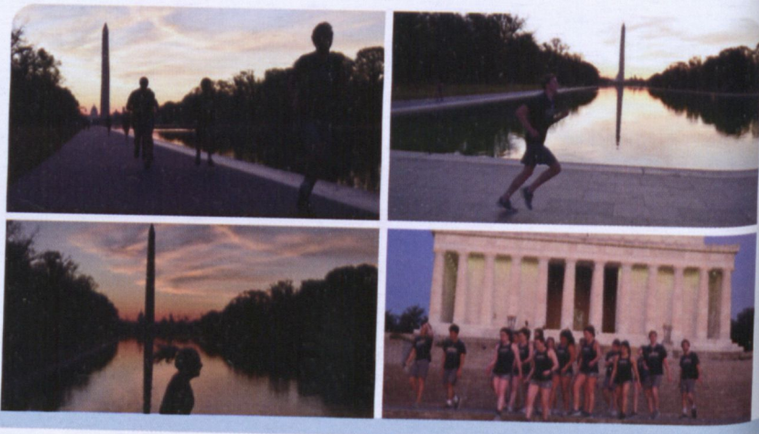

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GW Men's Basketball
@GW_MBB

Got to play tourist in our own city today 👋🚌

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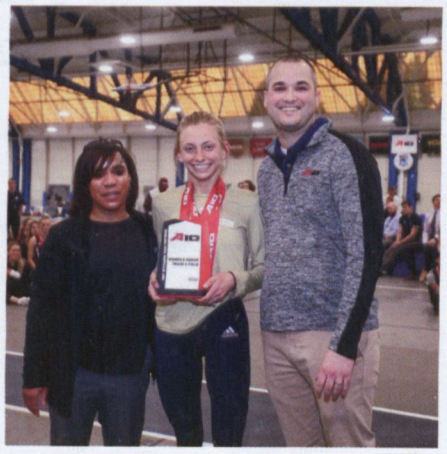

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gwsports SUUUUZZZZ! She became the first Colonial to earn A-10 Track Performer of the Meet at this week's conference championship. She is our @capgemini Colonial of the Week! #RaiseHigh

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There is never a dull moment among GW athletics. From the minute the athletes set foot on campus in August they are committed to their school work, perfecting their sport and bonding with their teammates. The bond these athletes create propels them through the highs and lows of the season and the year. Being a part of GW athletics is an experience like no other, getting to compete in the nation's capital and travel the east coast and the country to compete against other schools.

Many athletes had their seasons cut short this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. While this was extremely saddening news the GW athletic community came together and continued to serve the community and stay in touch with their teammates. They are more ready than ever to get back on the court or field when it is safe.

#RAISEHIGH

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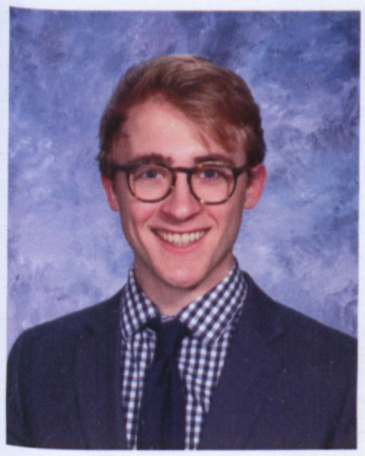

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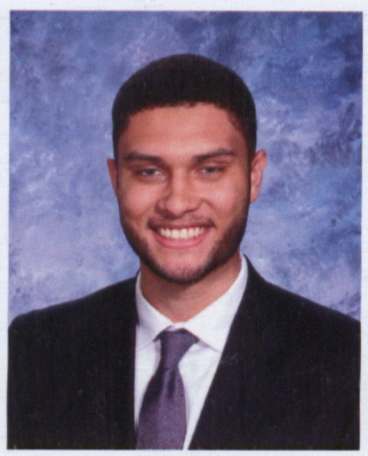

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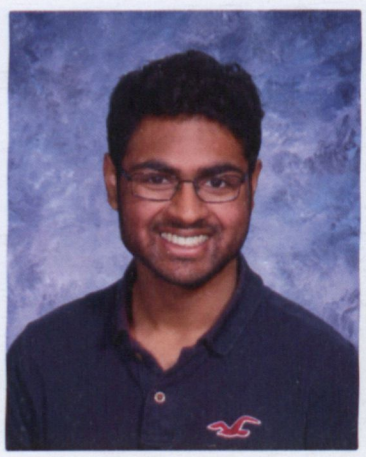

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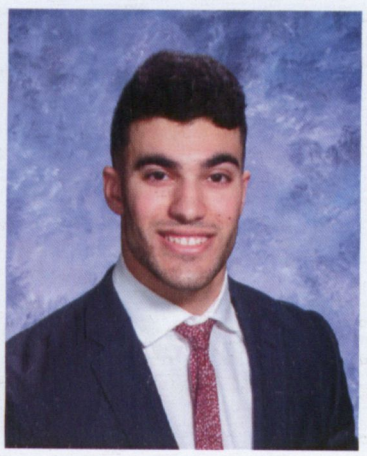

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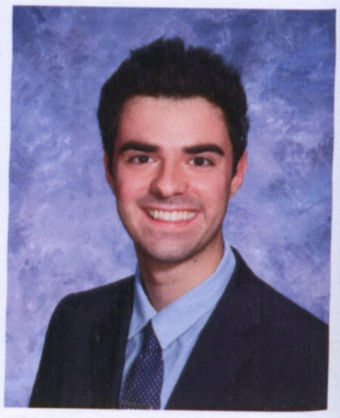

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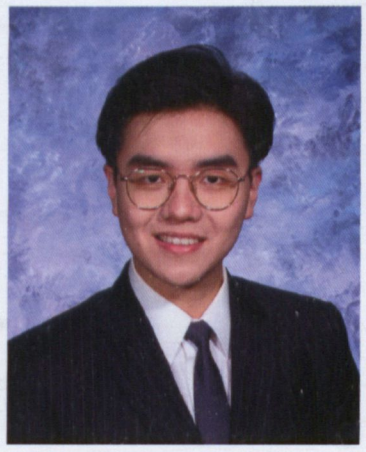

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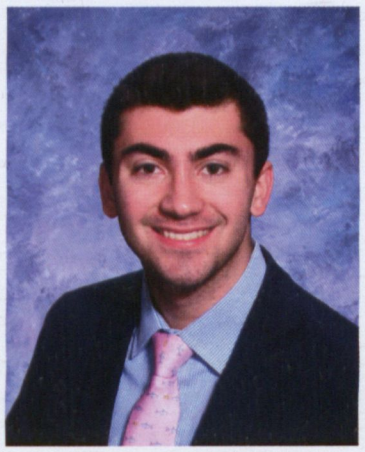

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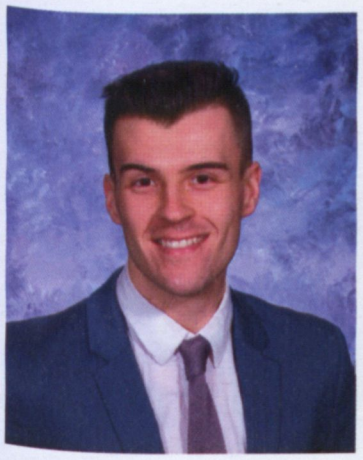

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senior spotlight
SARAH SEM

Sarah Sem has held numerous leadership positions while at GW. She was President for two years of She's the First and served as Vice Fundraising Chair and Fundraising Chair before. She also served as Panhellenic Executive Vice President and President during her second term as STF President.

Sarah Sem is from Jericho, Vermont and is majoring in Political Communication. She found She's the First at the fall org fair her freshman year, back when it was held on H street, and was immediately interested when the e-board at the time pitched it to her. She just kept coming back to general body meetings, especially when she learned about the unique Global Awareness Program STF has; essentially, once a month it devotes meetings to different issue areas in the world that may seem unconnected to education, but draw those links and discuss the intersectionality of education equality. When Sarah attended a meeting where they were packaging donations to HIPS, a D.C. organization committed to serving sex workers and those involved in sex trade and drug use, she realized that this organization really had a handle on both the international and local implications of education and gender equality. She came to the org for the cause, but stayed for the women in the organization who made her the woman and leader she is today.

Fighting for a world in which girls are educated, their minds and their bodies are respected, and their life-changing ideas are heard is something that should be important to all of us. Personally, Sarah has been fortunate to have grown up in a country and a community where her education was not only guaranteed but so was her safety. She wanted to find a meaningful way to use her position of privilege to create a more equal world, in which that is a reality for every girl. She's the First finds, funds, and supports solutions that not only educate and empower girls but also builds up the communities where they are able to flourish. The org's emphasis on personal autonomy for women and girls speaks directly to what Sarah believes to be one of her purposes in life; connecting women together with the common goal of creating a more equal world in which girls' power is recognized and utilized to its full potential. This organization has not only given GW's campus chapter the power to do that, but puts a huge emphasis on supporting us as global citizens and forward thinkers; when Sarah pitched the Champions of Change Gala to her chapter with the intent of celebrating the work organizations on this campus do to empower women, she was met with support and positive energy. The ongoing movement for equality for women and girls in and out of the classroom has this wonderful side effect of forging incredibly strong bonds among those fighting for it. At the end of the day, no girl should have her future dictated for her, especially when she is capable of much more than others think.

In the future, Sarah hopes to shape messages with meaning, whether that is at a strategic communications firm or a nonprofit, or for a political candidate. She has always loved communications and rhetoric, and truly believes in the power of words to create change, so would love the opportunity to apply what she learned at GW these past four years in the Political Communication program and from all her incredible professors and peers.

Sarah hopes this organization continues to cultivate a community of advocates for gender and education equality, whether through empowering members to find their voice, create new and innovative ideas for fundraising, or learn from each other. GW's chapter was named Chapter of the Year by the national organization last March, and Sarah hopes the spirit and drive that earned them that accolade continues long after she leaves campus. She looks forward to seeing the fundraising totals each year that support a group of scholars across the world, and ultimately hopes that one day the primary focus of this organization would be to empower women already in school because education inequality will be a thing of the past.

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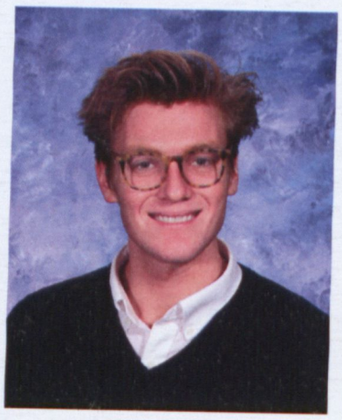

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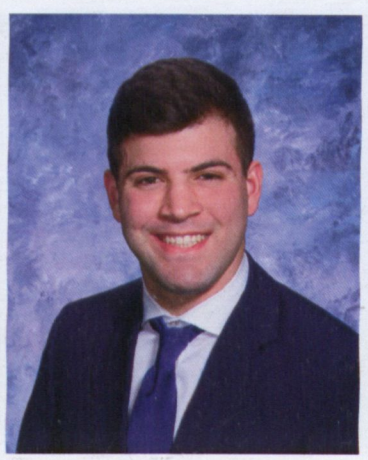

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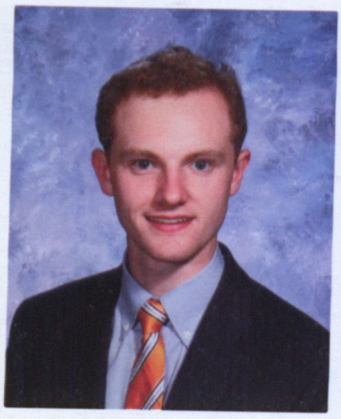

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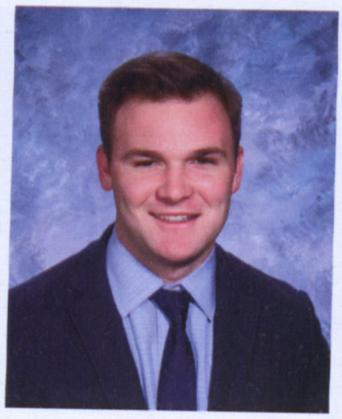

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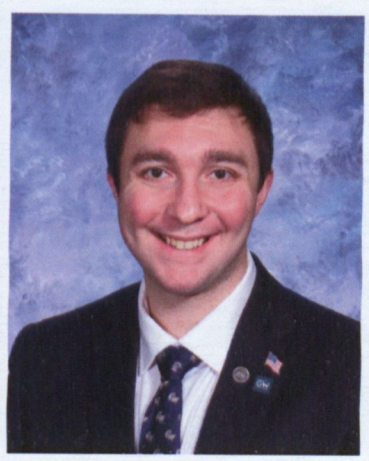

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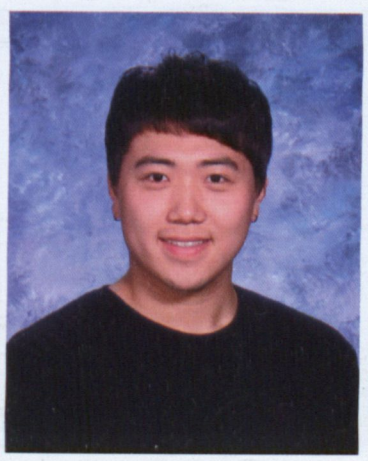

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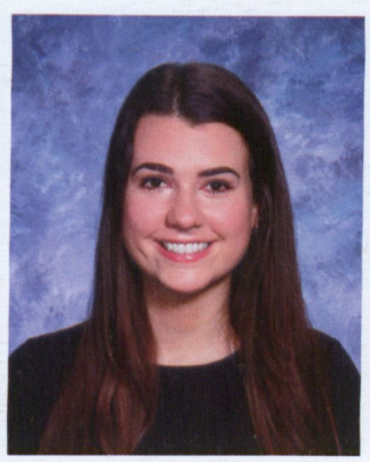

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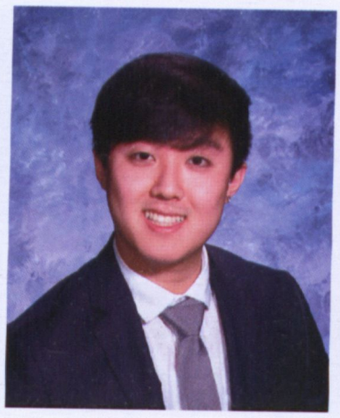

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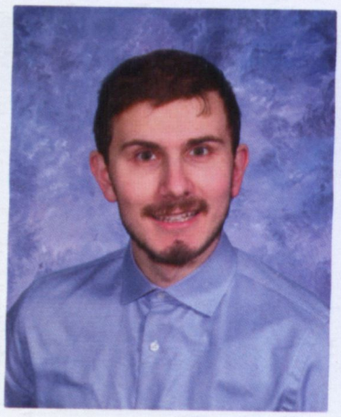

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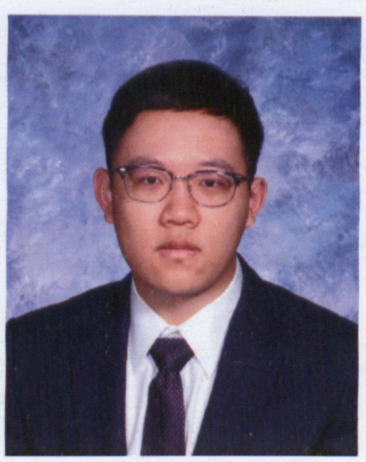

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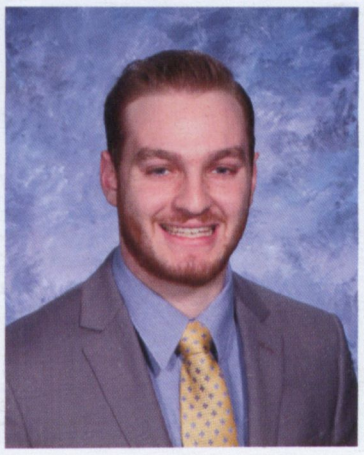

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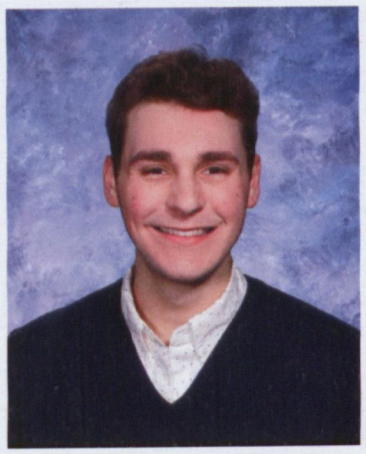

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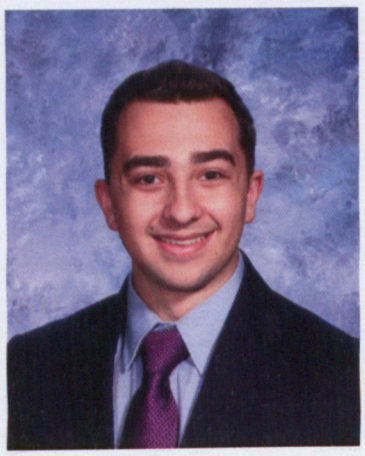

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KARIS ANAND

Karisa Anand, from LA., has interned at EMILY's List, Teach For America, Macy's Inc., and Georgetown's Medical School. She was also on the eboard for Alpha Phi Omega, One Tent Health, served in the Student Association, Theta's Executive Recruitment Board, and was a member of the Women's Leadership Program. She utilized connections from her classes for on-campus opportunities and worked with the staff at the Career Center to find off-campus jobs.

She is an International Affairs major, with a minor in Chinese Language & Literature, and believes that it is incredibly important to build your network and leverage your connections to find opportunities! She would not have known of many leadership and internship opportunities if she hadn't talked to her peers or university staff that are dedicated to aiding students in their job search.

Karisa is going to be serving as a Teach For America Corps Member in Philadelphia, PA and will also be earning her Master of Science in Education degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Her involvement in Alpha Phi Omega helped her realize her passion for service and she probably wouldn't be joining TFA if it wasn't for the former APO members that told her more about their experience as corps members! Karisa knows that her career journey is going to be challenging and difficult, but she also knows that it is going to be extremely rewarding!

Karisa says she has countless favorite memories at GW. She is so grateful for all of the midnight monument walks, dinner parties, weekend day trips, and most of all, the incredible friends that she made along the way!

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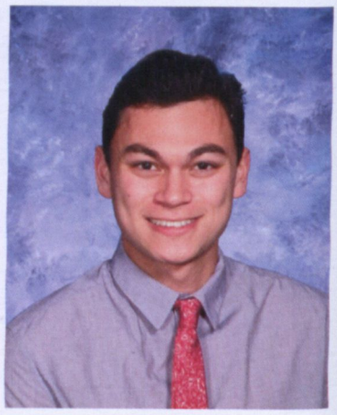

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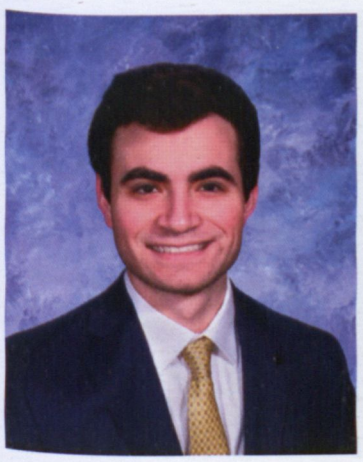

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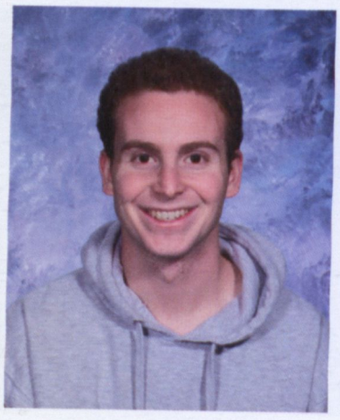

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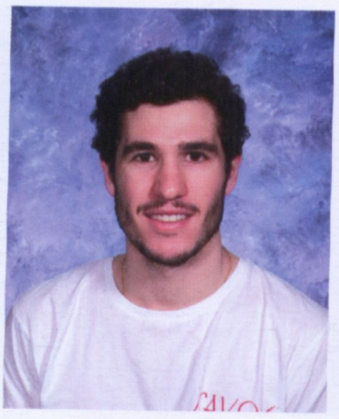

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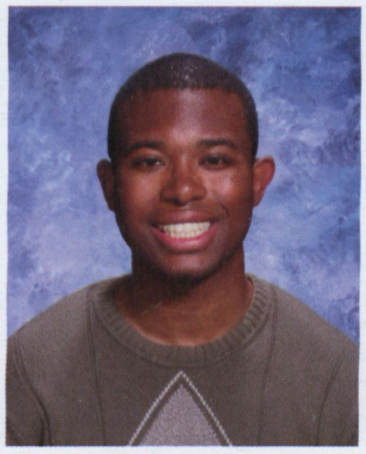

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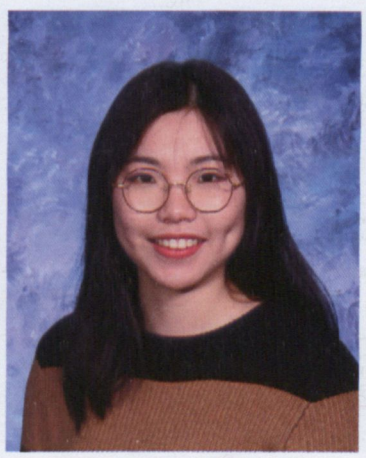

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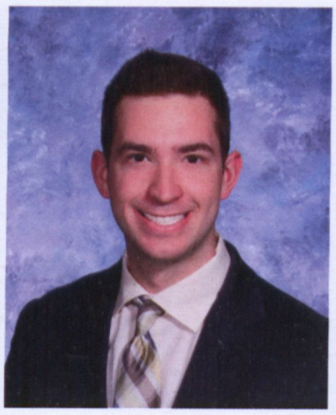

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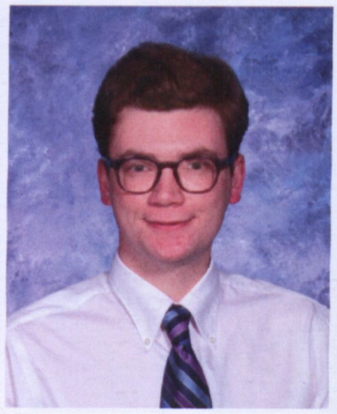

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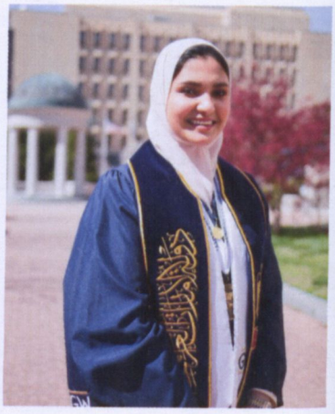

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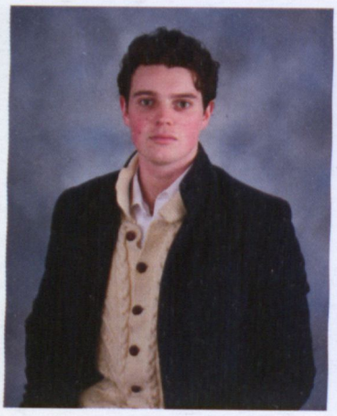

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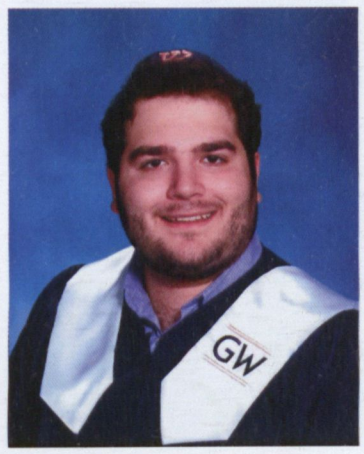

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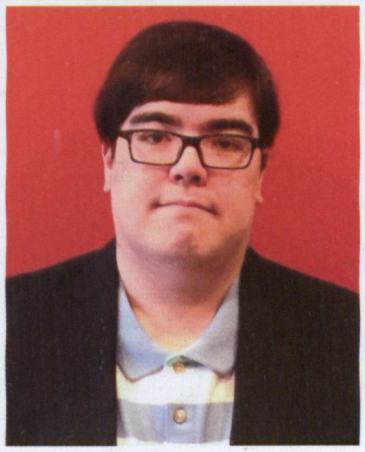

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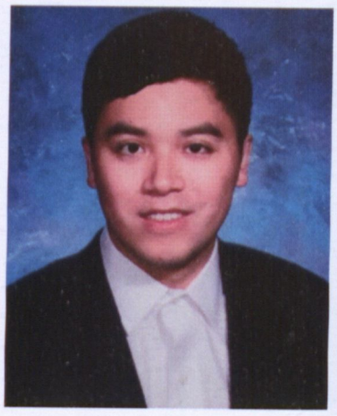

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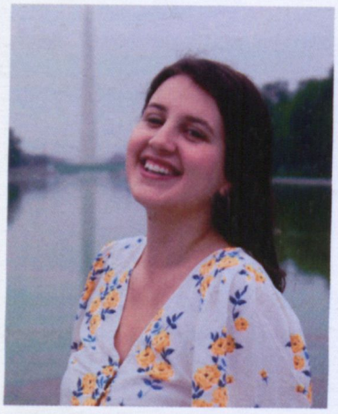

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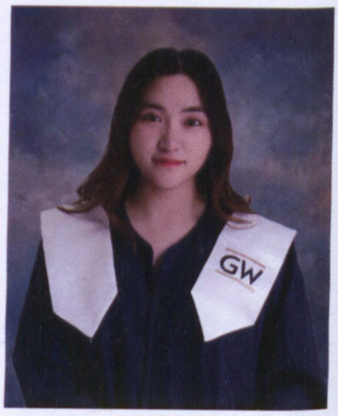

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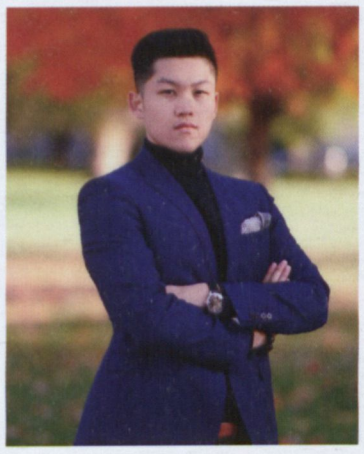

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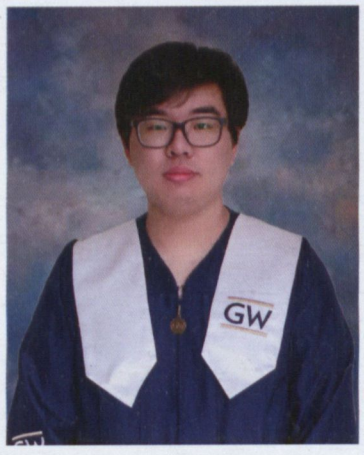

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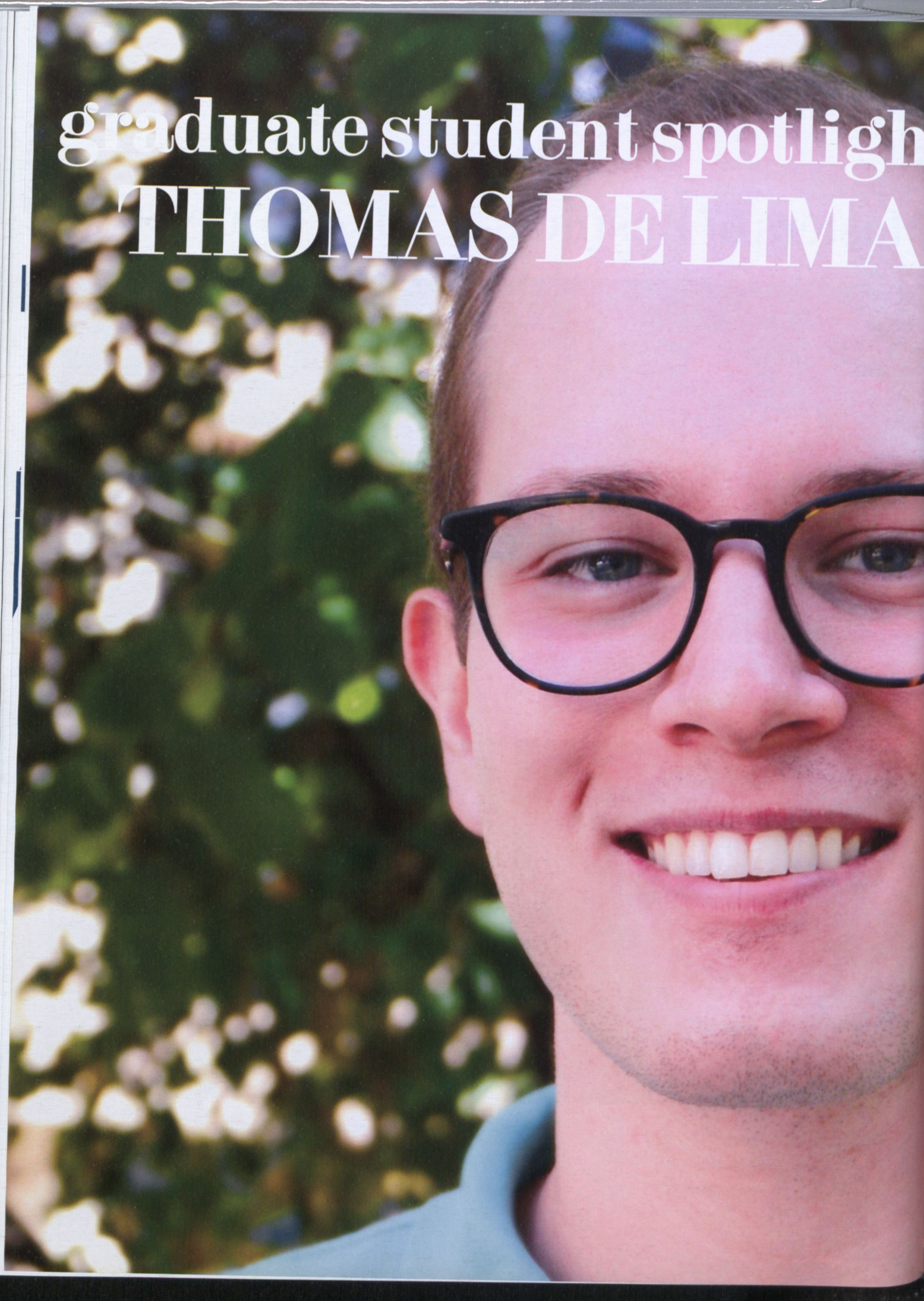
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THOMAS DE LIMA

Thomas André-Alves de Lima is studying for an M.A. in Higher Education Administration with a concentration in Student Affairs Administration. Thomas, from Porto Alegre, Brazil, attended GW for undergrad as well. He had made such meaningful and important connections at GW and in DC, both personally and professionally that he wasn't quite ready to leave. He is very grateful to pursue his professional and academic passions at a place that had already made such a difference in his life.

Like most students at GW, Thomas' first connection with the Nashman Center was during his Freshman Day of Service (now called Welcome Day of Service) in 2014. The following year, he was a participant on an Alternative Breaks trip and fell in love with the mission of the program. His experience in Costa Rica made him think about service, privilege, identity, and making a meaningful impact. From then on, he became the Utah Trip Leader, and later joined the executive board as Fundraising and Development Chair. He was very grateful for those experiences and was fortunate enough to continue his involvement with the Nashman Center through two graduate assistantships, as Communication and Web Management Graduate Assistant and Civic House Coordinator.

Thomas aspires to use his experiences and degree to work in the field of higher education administration. As a student affairs practitioner, he wants to support students as they transition to college by giving them the tools to support themselves. His involvement in the Nashman Center has absolutely played into his professional goal. Both the lessons and experiences he had as an undergraduate student at GW and now as a graduate staff member have added to how he approaches the field and the values he holds. Through his work, he has witnessed the energy and intentionality that goes into centering equity, social justice, and access in higher education and that is something he wants to carry on doing in whatever position or institution he finds himself in. The Nashman Center has given him the chance to constantly challenge inequity and think critically about various themes. He also has loved learning how to find new ways to have colleges or universities engage in service, civic engagement, and social innovation.

According to Thomas, The Nashman Center gives GW students numerous valuable opportunities to become active citizens. Students are able to take ownership of their experiences in a very authentic way and can grow and learn given the support and thoughtful structure provided by the Nashman Center. Both at GW and across the many communities that make up D.C., through programs like Civic House (which Thomas is honored to play a part of) and many others, students are able to really immerse themselves in their own and newfound communities. The Nashman Center strives to create and foster sustainable, meaningful, reciprocated relationships between GW and the DC communities. Those long term partnerships connect our GW community with our host city, not only giving students the chance to leave the "Foggy Bottom bubble" but to dig deeper into their own ideas, perspectives, and opinions and learn how to articulate and think through those.

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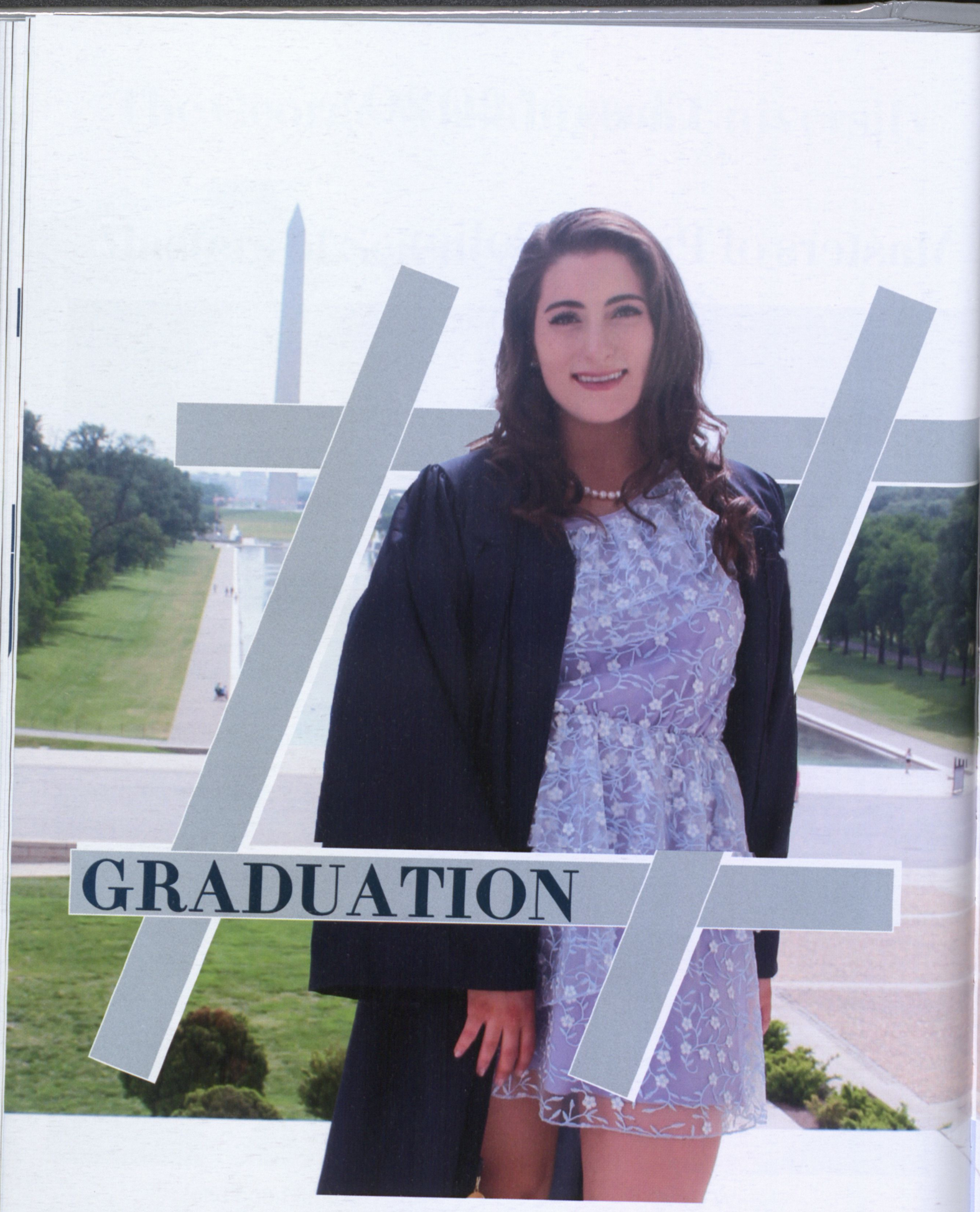

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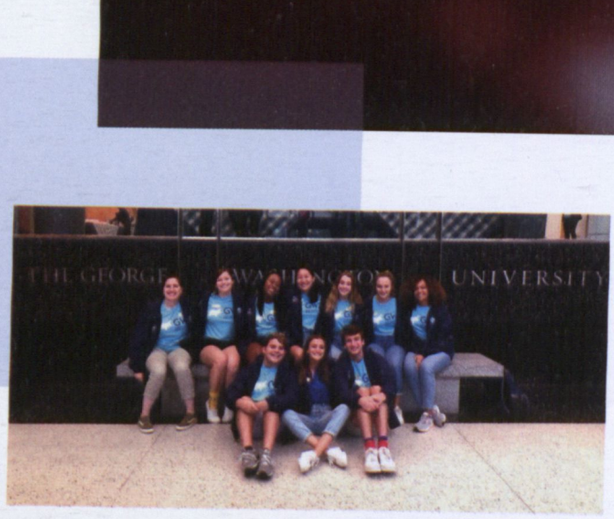
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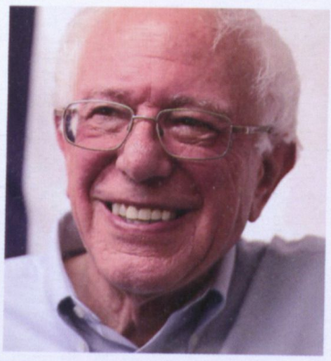
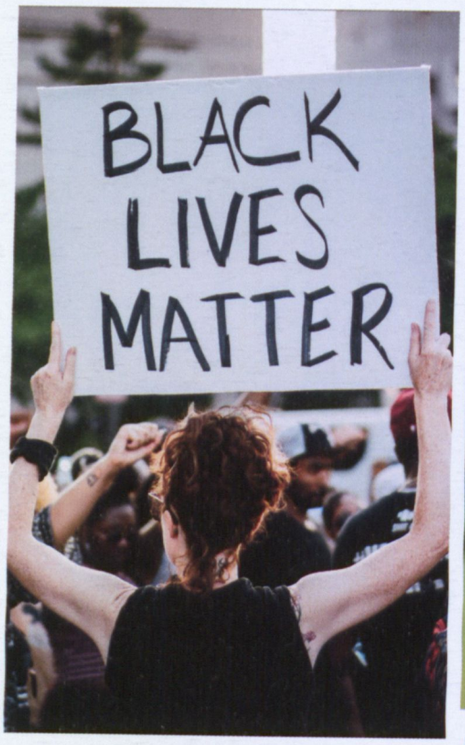
FOUR YEAR review

#2016

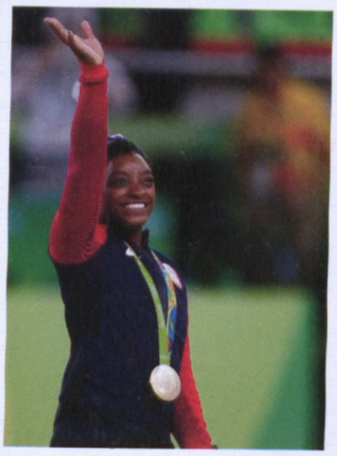
President Donald Trump was elected the 45th president of the United States.

Bernie Sanders visits GW on his 2016 book tour.

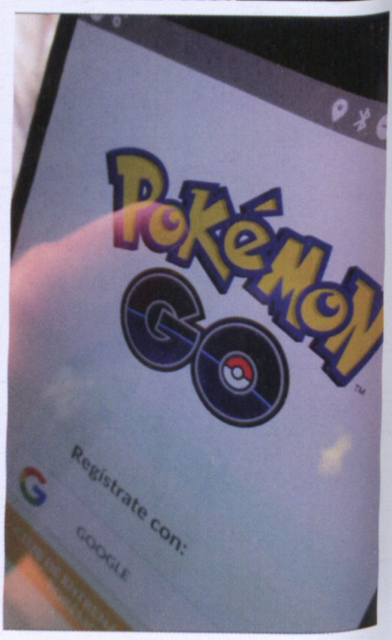




The #BlackLivesMatter movement broke into mainstream politics.



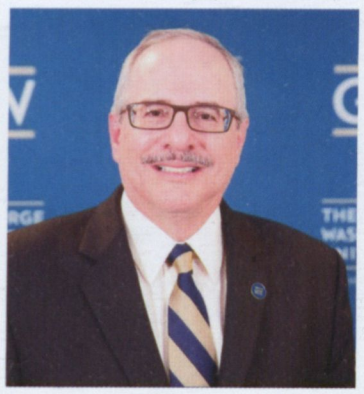
Simone Biles is named the greatest female gymnast after her performance at the Rio Olympics.



Pokemon Go becomes a popular app and way for people to spend their free time.

The first Women's March is held across the country on Saturday January 21st.

The GW community welcomed President Thomas Leblance after President Steven Knapp retired.



2017

The #MeToo Revolution was launched into the headlines after accusations of sexual misconduct against Havery Weinstien.

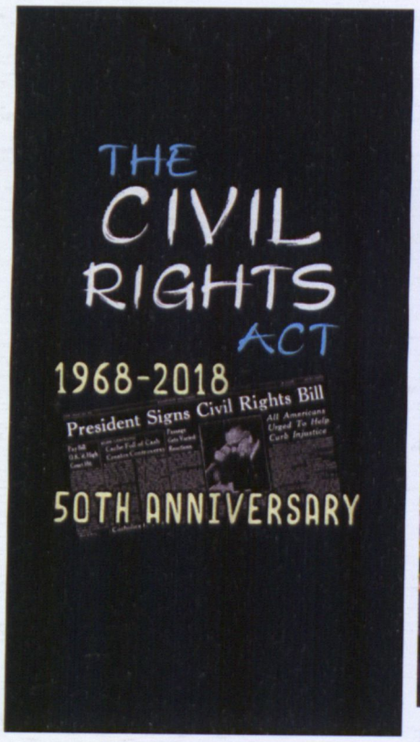
Mattel released the first Barbie with a hijab modeled after Ibtihaj Muhammad.

Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas causing an estimated $150 billion in damage.

#2.99 graduation

FOUR YEAR review

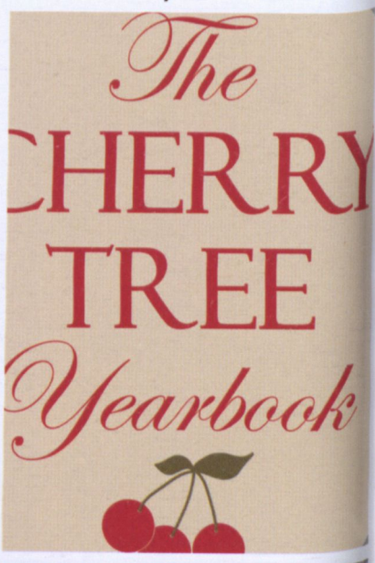
#2018



50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

GW Women's Basketball wins the A-10 Championships for the 3rd time in 4 years.

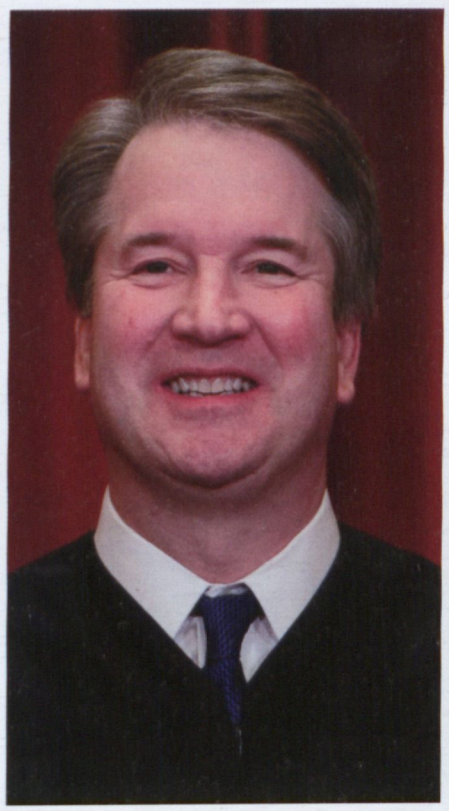
The GWU Cherry Tree Yearbook celebrated its 110th Anniversary.



The March for Our Lives movement gained national attention after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

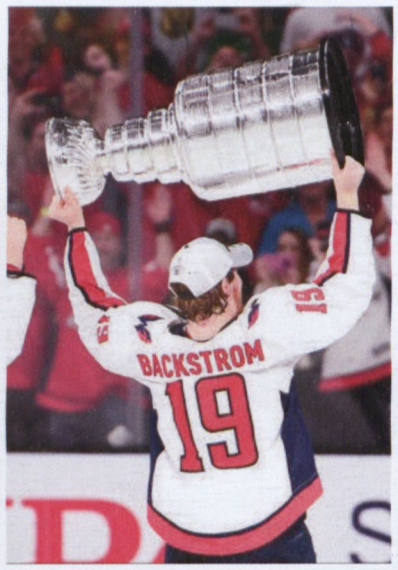
President Emmanuel Macron visits the United States for the first time and stops by GW's campus for speaking engagements.

The royal wedding between American Meghan Markle, and Prince Harry took place.



Justice Brett Kavanaugh was confirmed to the Supreme Court after a contentious Senate confirmation hearing.

The Washington Capitals win the Stanley Cup for the first time in Capitals history.



Kim Jong Un became the first North Korean leader to cross into South Korea for a historic summit with the President of South Korea.

Mark Zuckerberg testified before a joining hearing regarding Facebook's involvement in the 2016 presidential election.

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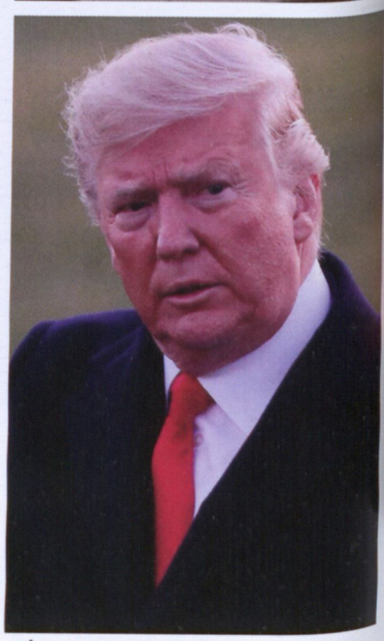
#2019

The historic 116th United States Congress was seated with a record 131 women.

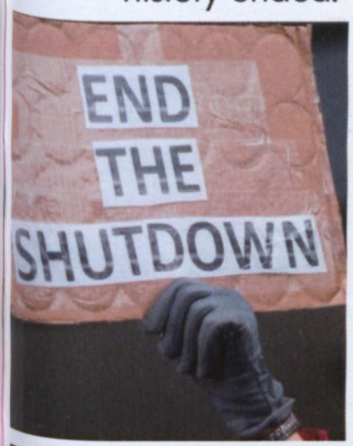
President Trump becomes the first US President to visit North Korea.

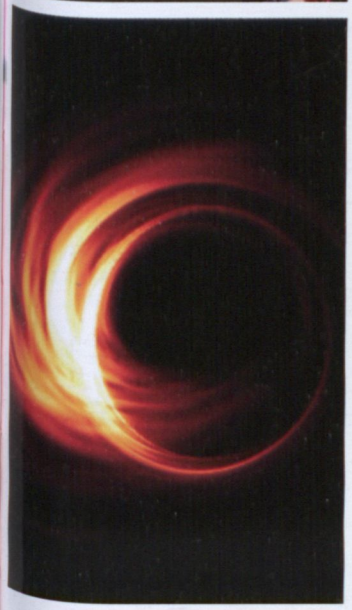
The Notre Dame Cathedral burned.



The US House Impeaches President Donald Trump.

The longest government shutdown in US history ended.





The first ever photo of a black hole was released.

Protests in Hong Kong for more democratic rule make international news.

US Women's National Soccer Team won their 4th World Cup.

Greta Thunberg delivers a passionate speech at the UN, telling world leaders "How dare you!"

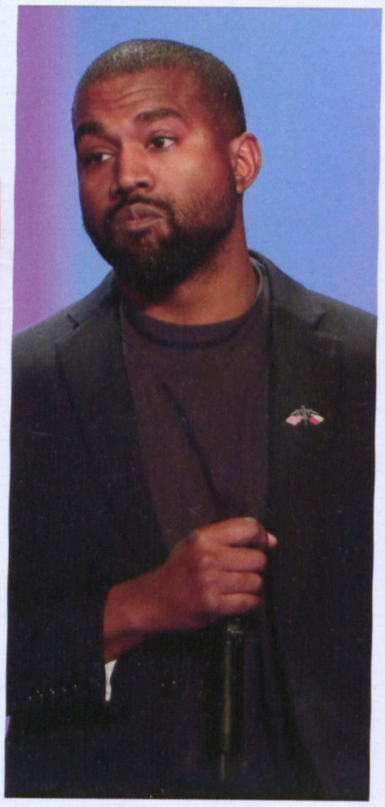
American astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir made history on October 18th when they embarked on the first all-female spacewalk.

FOUR YEAR review

#2020

The United Kingdom withdraws from the European Union.

A third state of emergency was called in New South Wales, Australia, as bushfires threatened the south coast of the country.



Kanye West made a surprise visit to GW, West presented "Jesus is King: A Kanye West Experience," an exclusive preview of the rapper's upcoming album.

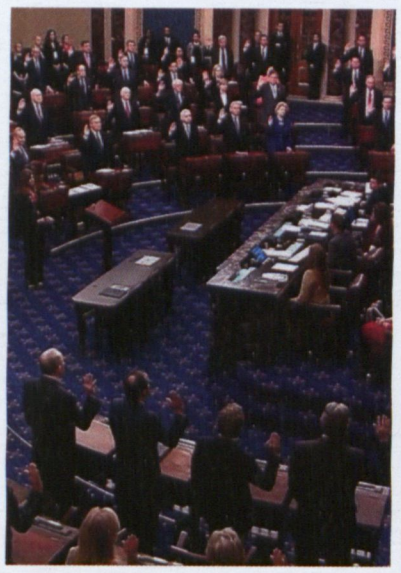
Prince Harry and Meghan Markle announce they are stepping down from their duties as senior royals in Buckingham Palace.

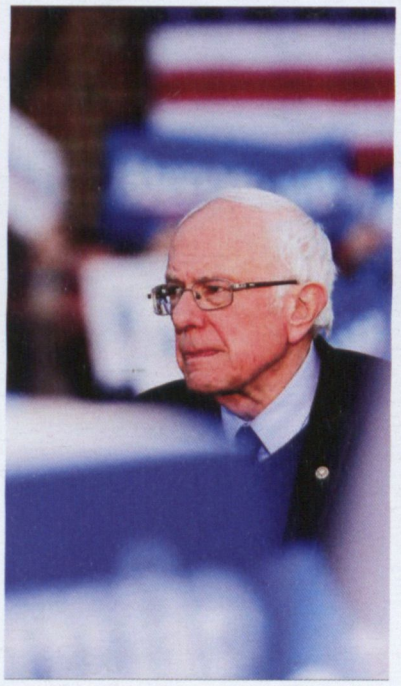
The Coronavirus pandemic strikes the world, shutting down schools and forcing students to attend virtual classes from home.

Kobe and Gigi Bryant, along with seven other passengers, died in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California.

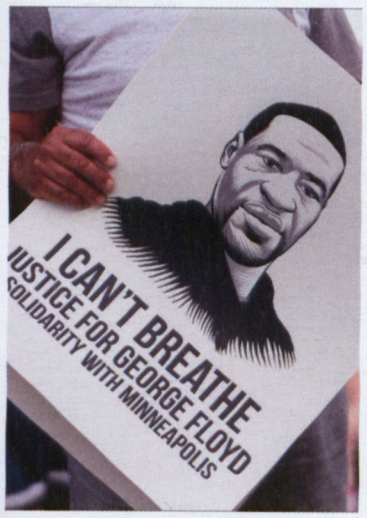
The 2020 Summer Olympics, which were supposed to take place in Tokyo, are postponed until 2021.

Trump is acquitted by the Senate on both articles of impeachment.





Sen. Bernie Sanders dropped out of the 2020 race, making former Vice President Joe Biden the presumptive Democratic nominee in the 2020 Presidential election.



The #BlackLivesMatter movement erupts throughout the country after George Floyd was killed by a police officer, protests were reported in every state in the US and even seen world wide.

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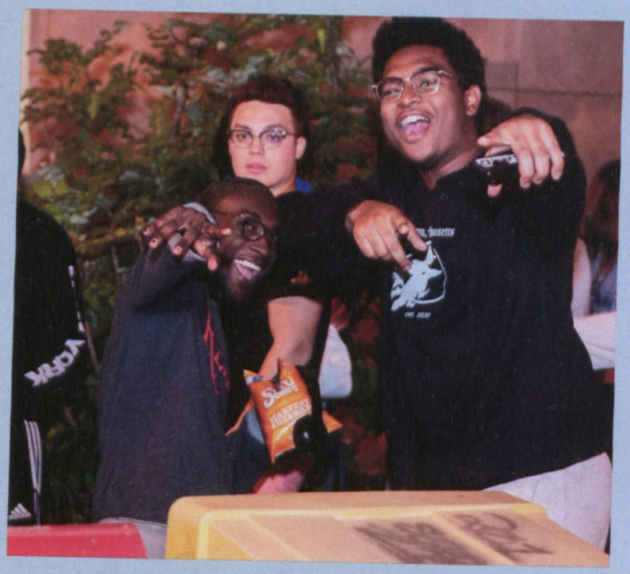
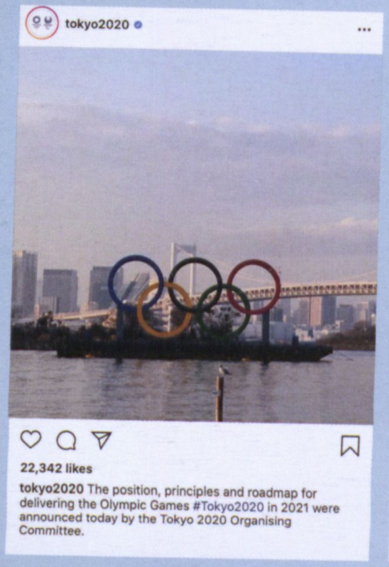




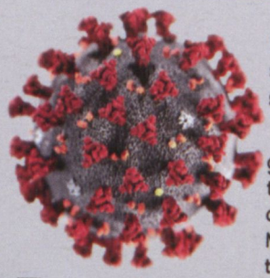
2020 isn't over yet but it has proved to be one of the most eventful years we have seen in a while. Headlines have soared throughout the country with news of the global pandemic, elections, protests and much more. GW even hosted Kanye West for a surprise visit. Every day brings new news and it doesn't seem to be slowing down any time soon.

#2020

COVID-19

THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC 2020

THE IMPACT ON SCHOOLS



For many students, an extended spring break turns into an early summer "staycation."

Just as we are looking forward to going on spring break, the world realizes that it's facing a pandemic, the likes of which hasn't been seen since 1918. Many schools' first response is to extend their spring break from one week to three weeks. But as the contagion spreads, educators decide to close for the year and/or switch to an entirely online curriculum. As the outbreak of COVID-19 accelerates, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that closing schools for eight weeks or more will have a greater impact on containing the virus. Kansas is the first state to order all K-12 schools closed for the rest of the year, followed by Virginia. California Gov. Gavin Newsom closes schools "indefinitely," and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis cancels all remaining testing for the school year, saying grades won't be calculated.

Canceling school also means canceling school functions, and now millions of students are faced with the possibility of not having spring sports, prom, graduation and other milestones of the academic experience. "The Class of 2020" becomes "The Class of COVID-19," losing what's left of their senior year and missing the traditional rites of passage that they have worked towards for the last 12 years.

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Spring Break Gets Broken

Students look forward to spring break all year long, and plans to gather with friends and exploit the warmer weather are made well in advance. But the coronavirus has other ideas. Vacation hot spots become closed to the public indefinitely. Airlines reduce their number of flights by 30-70%, leaving travelers with few options to get to their vacation destinations.

Many students are already on spring break when the threat of COVID-19 becomes severe enough to mandate social distancing, while others downplay concerns about the outbreak. Those that keep their vacation plans force officials in Florida and other coastal hot spots to officially close public beaches at the height of the spring break rush.

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The Show Must Hold On

The end of the school year is when everything culminates in one final show, but COVID-19 upends performances, tournaments and entire seasons. The theatre department was going to bring you an amazing production. The band and choir won't get to perform their end-of-year concerts. Leadership conferences are canceled. FFA conventions are postponed. The journalism staff has no idea how they are going to get your yearbooks out. Baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer, track, golf and tennis seasons will not be played in their original form.

The end of the school year is when teams and organizations of all disciplines—athletic, academic and creative—showcase what they've been working on and compete at the state or national level for coveted titles. With social distancing measures put in place, everything suddenly becomes "on hold," another giant question mark in our academic calendars caused by the coronavirus.

School Lunch Stays Open

Nearly 30 million children in the U.S. count on schools to provide one or more meals each day. When schools across the U.S. close their doors to try to prevent the spread of COVID-19, many make arrangements to provide grab-and-go lunch bags or set up meal delivery routes.

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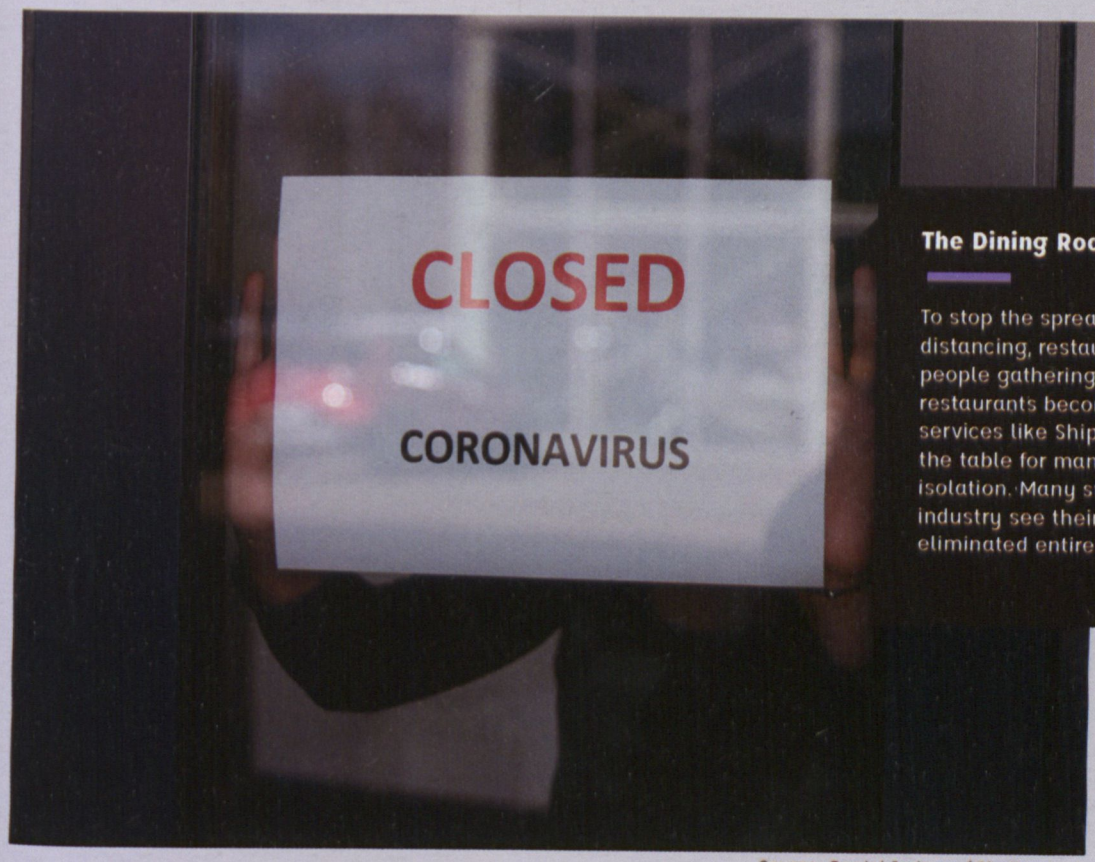

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The Dining Room is Closed Until Further Notice

To stop the spread of COVID-19 and encourage social distancing, restaurants offer curbside delivery instead of people gathering in their dining rooms. Many fast-food restaurants become "drive-thru only," and food delivery services like Shipt, Uber Eats and Doordash put food on the table for many Americans during a period of self-isolation. Many students with part-time jobs in the food industry see their hours severely cut or their positions eliminated entirely.

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Hand sanitizer and face masks are in short supply when experts estimate that 40-70% of the population could become infected with COVID-19.

DOMESTIC IMPACT

COVID-19 causes everyone to take immediate, drastic measures to stop the spread of the virus, resulting in a temporary "new normal" for the foreseeable future.

It's humans vs. virus in a global game of freeze-tag. The only way to stop the pandemic from overtaking the planet is to immediately isolate everyone until treatments and vaccines become available. This means everyone—regardless of age or level of health—has to shelter in place to avoid spreading the virus and overwhelming hospitals. Staying isolated means you won't give the virus to anyone, and you won't get the virus from anyone.

For many students this means long stretches of quality time at home with books, video games, creative outlets and social media. But for our families, there are very dire concerns about how much longer our parents will be employed. How will they make the house payment? How much longer can we afford to go without their paycheck? The US government begins discussing options for stimulus packages to address this growing concern.

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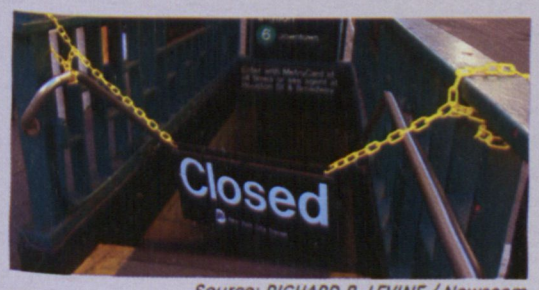
You Can't Spell "Pandemic" Without "Panic"

When the public is first made aware of the coronavirus, people begin to stockpile toilet paper for reasons that still aren't widely understood. And despite no major threat to the nation's supply chain, bread, bottled water, disposable gloves and hand sanitizer cannot stay on store shelves. Many retailers begin to limit the number of items a household can purchase.



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With 23 employees testing positive for the coronavirus, New York City's MTA has no choice but to cancel certain subway lines and more than 1,000 trips due to reduced staffing. This leads to packed platforms and overstuffed trains at a time when social distancing is our most important weapon against the spread of COVID-19.

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Any Empty Bed Could be a Hospital Bed

Communal living quarters are the worst places to be in a pandemic, but not if they can be used as makeshift hospitals. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers makes plans to convert more than 10,000 empty hotel and dorm rooms into hospital rooms in the hardest-hit areas of New York City, Washington and California.

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Hollywood Disaster Movies Didn't Prepare Us For This Hollywood Disaster

Starting with the recommendation that people not gather in groups larger than 500, then 250, then eventually, 10, the movie industry faces dire consequences. "A Quiet Place II," "Fast and Furious 9" and 007's "No Time to Die" are the first movies to postpone their release dates. Pixar pushes "Onward" to Amazon's Prime Video Cinema streaming service only days after it's theatrical release. But for drive-in movie theaters, once a novelty throwback to a simpler time, the show will go on.

THE IMPACT ON ENTERTAINMENT

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Celebrities Livestream During Quarantine

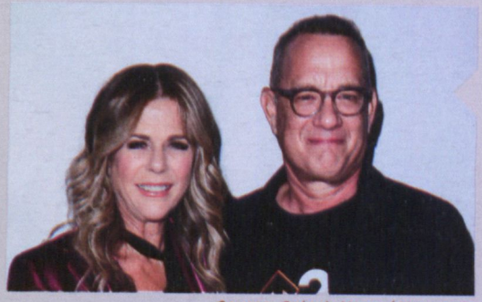
With concerts, festivals and movie productions shut down, celebrities stream performances from their homes to keep us entertained as we all stay #TogetherAtHome. Stephen Colbert and Trevor Noah deliver their late night TV monologues from their homes. And TikTok starts its first-ever livestream series #HappyAtHome: Live!

These Tickets Are No Longer Valid

Concerts, festivals, conventions, movie theaters and sporting events are all petri dishes of germs even without an active pandemic. But when social distancing is mandated, live entertainment may be the hardest hit.

Austin's tech, music and film conference South by Southwest cancels at the last minute. Music festivals Coachella and Stagecoach are pushed back six months to October. Pearl Jam, Avril Lavigne, Green Day, Blake Shelton and BTS cancel tour dates and reschedule shows. Stand up comedians take to livestreaming their sets. In New York, all Broadway shows are shut down as well as the Met Gala and Tribeca Film Festival. Las Vegas hotels, casinos and venues shut down, devastating Nevada's economy.

People stuck in self-isolation turn to streaming services like Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime Video, Disney+ and AppleTV+ to alleviate the boredom of staying put. Hulu adds a free, live news stream to its app to keep people up to date on the coronavirus. Netflix adds Netflix Party to connect with friends and sync streaming video, so you can virtually attend a movie with friends, without having to share your popcorn.



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Tom Hanks and wife Rita Wilson are the first American celebrities to reveal they have tested positive for the coronavirus from Australia's Gold Coast in Queensland, where Hanks is working. The pair are briefly hospitalized before retreating to quarantine, where they provide us with updates and encouragement via social media.

Source: SGene Blevins / ZUMA Press / Newscom

Disney Parks Go Dark

Citing "an abundance of caution," The Walt Disney Company announces all of their theme parks, cruise lines, hotels and shopping malls will close through the end of March 2020, with possible closure extensions as the situation evolves. This is the first time in history that all six Disney properties are closed simultaneously.

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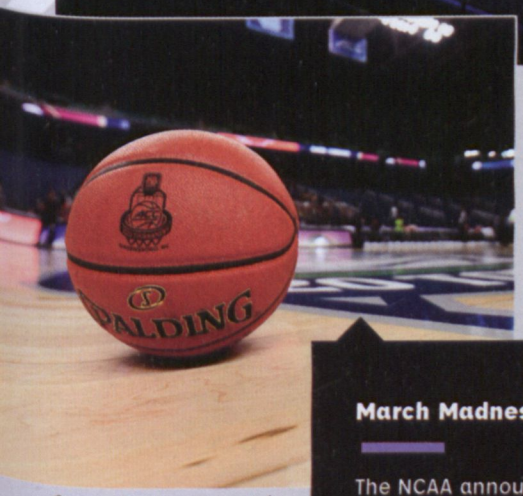
A Global Time-Out

The NBA abruptly suspends its season after Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz tests positive for COVID-19 ahead of Utah's tipoff against the Oklahoma City Thunder, sending home an arena full of very confused fans. The NHL freezes it's 2019-2020 season. Major League Soccer is put on hold, along with the start of Major League Baseball. The PGA cancels the Players Championship and postpones the Masters Tournament. And Formula 1, the Australian Grand Prix and NASCAR all postpone races until it's prudent to resume social gathering. The brand new XFL barely gets into its inaugural season before suspending play.

But the biggest impact comes with the announcement that the 2020 Olympics will be postponed until 2021, marking only the fourth rescheduling in the history of the modern Olympic Games.



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With the NBA season suspended indefinitely amid the coronavirus pandemic, New Orleans Pelicans rookie Zion Williamson pledges to pay the salaries of the Smoothie King Center employees for 30 days.

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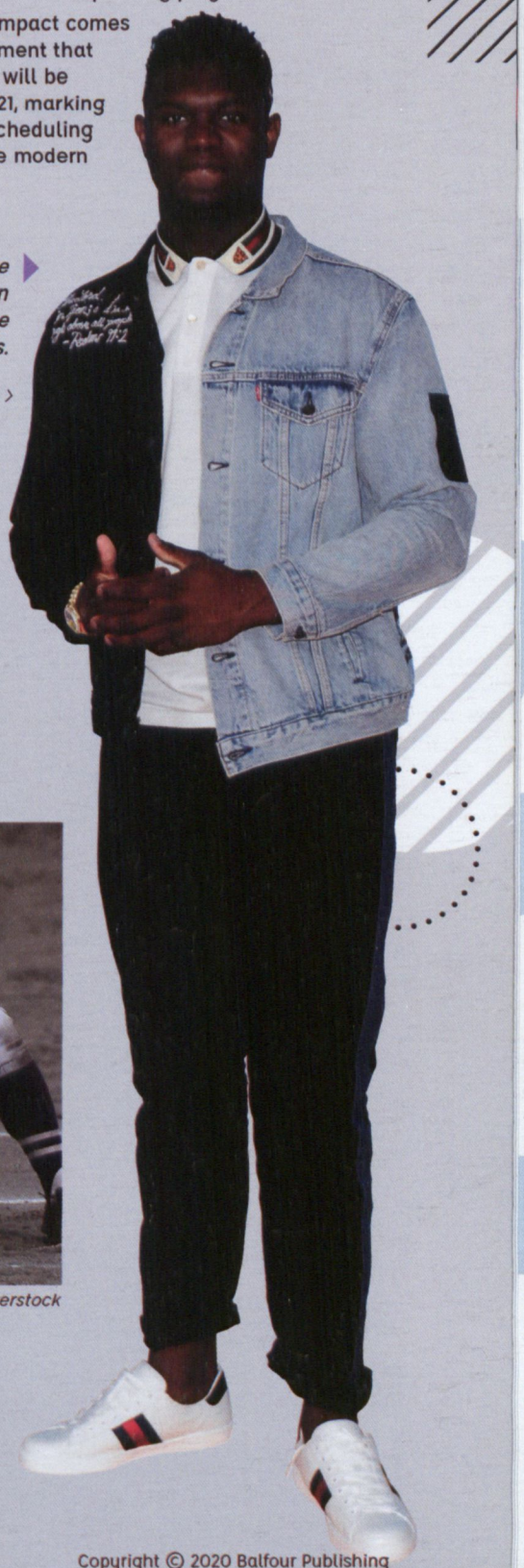
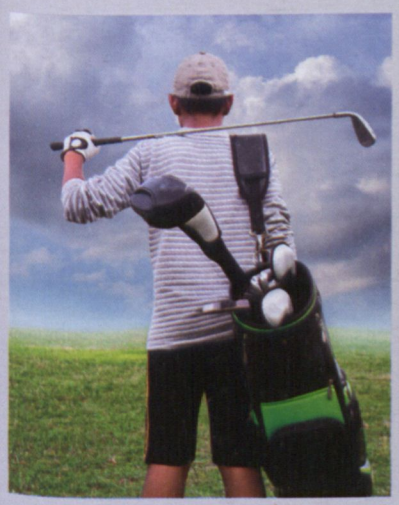


March Madness Becomes March Sadness

The NCAA announces the Division I men's and women's 2020 basketball tournaments—as well as all remaining winter and spring NCAA championships—are canceled because of the evolving COVID-19 public health threat. Who had "the coronavirus" going all the way in their bracket?



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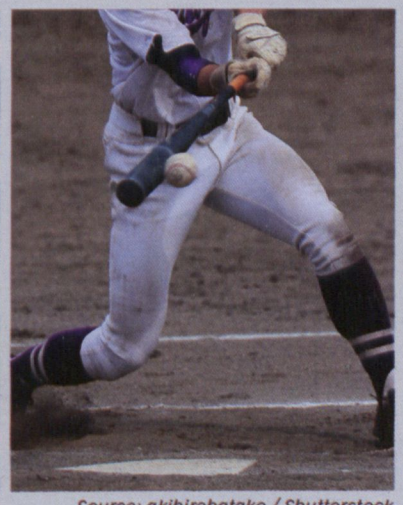

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Spring Sports Fall Back

High school athletes who compete in spring sports, take a knee. Spring sports such as soccer, track, tennis, golf, baseball, softball and lacrosse are completely on hold. Many teams aren't allowed to hold practices, meetings, conditioning or workouts during the time away from school. The NCAA even put a hold on recruitment, suspending National Letters of Intent signings until at least April 15, 2020.

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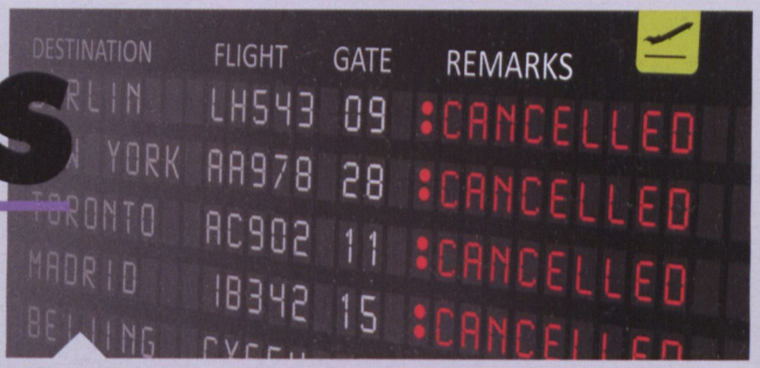

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COVID-19 Kills People, Only Hurts Economy

Our best chance to fight the spread of the coronavirus and save human lives is to stay home. And when people stay home, they can't earn money, so they stop spending money, so the economy comes to a grinding halt.

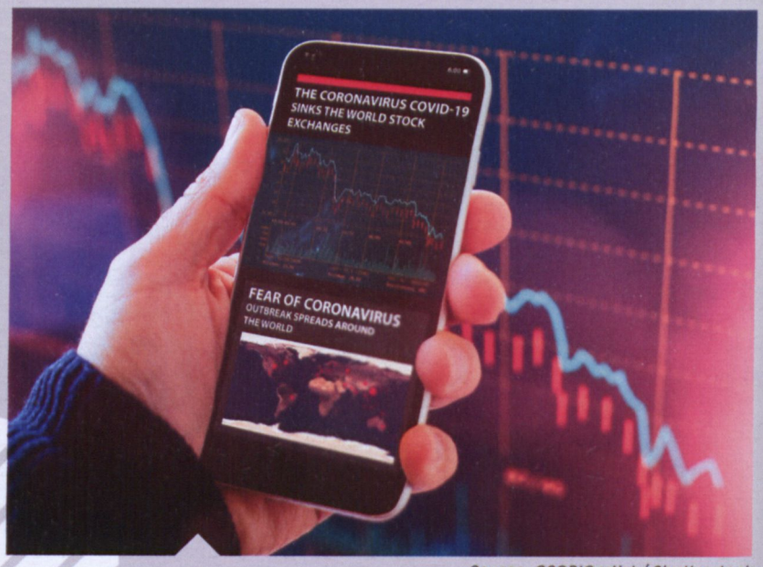
COVID-19 causes unprecedented spikes in unemployment and drastic slumps in the stock market, and we still don't know what damage will be done. We do know the only way to slow a pandemic and save lives is to shelter in place, and that forces us into a recession that could turn into an economic depression if treatment and a vaccine for this virus aren't developed soon.

If unemployment reaches 25 percent, it will be our worst rate since 1933 during the Great Depression. As entire cities buckle down and mandate self-isolation, we see a spike in unemployment claims across the country. Employees are hopeful that these are temporary measures until normalcy resumes. But many businesses, big and small, aren't equipped to be shuttered for weeks, and those companies may go away entirely without assistance from the government.

Historically, economies always recover, and there's no reason to believe we won't do the same after this virus is in check. How hard we are hit and how long the effects last is entirely dependent on how fast we stop COVID-19.

Fight or Flight? Stay Home and Fight

At the urging of both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of State, Americans do their civic duty and shelter in place to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Travel bans are enacted between nations and flights around the world are canceled. As non-essential travel comes to a screeching halt, the airline, hotel and tourism industries brace for impact. With bankruptcies looming on the horizon, all major airlines begin to negotiate with the government for bailouts.



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Once this is over, you'll want to go to the mall for some retail therapy. But supply-chain disruptions caused by the coronavirus outbreak are likely to make goods from China—including clothes, cars and electronics—scarce well into the second quarter of 2020.

COVID-19 Causes Weight Loss to 401k's

There are a lot of moving parts to the U.S. economy, and at this stage in the pandemic, there are no clear answers as to what the lasting effects of this crisis will be. The short explanation is that while you were on spring break, your parents and grandparents watched in shock as their retirement funds got obliterated and their paychecks vanished into thin air.

Stock market drops happen, especially in times of uncertainty. But this is unlike recent stock market crashes that are caused by fears and speculations that change our economic behavior. With previous crashes, the government could attempt to change the course by infusing the market with stimulus plans. But when a pandemic forces millions of workers to shelter in place, the factories and machines they operate are shut down. Enormous resources lie dormant because the people who use them to keep the wheels of our economy turning must stay at home or risk catching and spreading a deadly disease.

Many public health officials consider it likely that severe social distancing measures will be needed throughout 2020 to stop this pandemic, and our modern economy has simply never seen a crisis of this scale before.

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GLOBAL IMPACT

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A Weapon of Math Destruction

Algebra teachers everywhere collectively scream "That's what I've been trying to teach you all semester!" when the entire planet becomes enthralled with charting exponential growth to predict and explain the rate of infection of COVID-19. The United States ranks among China, Italy, Spain and Germany as the hardest-hit. At the same time, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong appear to have some success at flattening the curve and spreading out the number of coronavirus cases over a longer period.

The World Health Organization officially changes their classification of COVID-19 from a public health emergency of international concern to a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

The first case of the novel coronavirus is reported in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. Early cases were believed to be connected to a live animal market in Wuhan. Because the virus was thought to have originated in animals, humans have no natural defense to the virus, and no known treatments exist.

The global implications have been severe, reaching every continent except Antarctica. Many countries have closed schools and non-essential businesses. International trade has slowed to a crawl. Some countries' borders have been completely closed, and travel is being discouraged unless it is absolutely necessary.

The current outbreak of infections sparks global anxiety and concern that the virus might spread too far and too fast, causing dramatic casualties before health officials find a cure.

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SARS Made Hong Kong Ready for Coronavirus

As the epicenter of the 2003 SARS outbreak, Hong Kong has already established emergency protocols that help them avoid the exponential increase in COVID-19 cases that other countries cannot contain. Before the first confirmed case appears in Hong Kong, their health care system is alert and prepared to: declare an emergency response level, establish quarantine stations, close schools and public events, and take tracking and testing very seriously. Despite their proximity to China, Hong Kong manages to keep COVID-19 infections and death extraordinarily low.

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Treatments and Cures Still Pending

COVID-19 is a novel (new) coronavirus, which means that as this pandemic gets larger and accelerates faster, scientists are still scrambling to find treatments and vaccines. This is why it is crucial to self-isolate the healthy and quarantine anyone who has potentially been exposed.

Source: CHINE NOUVELLE / SIPA / Newscom

It took 7,500 laborers working around the clock only 10 days to erect a makeshift emergency hospital in China's city of Wuhan—ground zero of the coronavirus pandemic. The facility is made up of two floors, featuring several isolation wards and 30 intensive care units. It can hold up to 1,000 patients.

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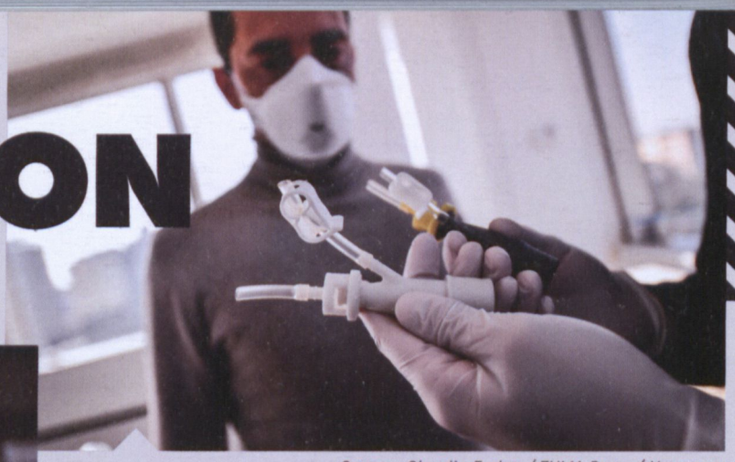

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Makers Gonna Make, Make, Make, Make, Make

When hospitals run out of valves for crucial respiratory machines, their supplier can't ship replacements fast enough to keep patients alive. So local manufacturers step in to provide 3D print replicas. Without the actual specifications of the parts, the valves have to be reverse-engineered. 3D printers are brought on-site to hospitals to produce more life-saving devices and alleviate shortages. These quickly-printed emergency valves are never meant to replace the intricate, precise factory originals. Desperate times call for desperate measures, and until the supply can meet the demand, hospitals are having to improvise creative solutions to provide emergency life-saving care.

No One Can Thrive on an Empty Stomach

Community food banks are committed to meeting the need for emergency food, and they expect that need to increase as schools and workplaces shut down and the economy is affected by COVID-19.

Many food banks are unable to accept food donations because of the risk of infection, so the best way to help is to make a gift donation online. If you are healthy and able, ask if your local operation needs volunteers. If you are in need of a food donation, FeedingAmerica.org distributes 4.3 billion meals each year through a network of food pantries and meal programs.

Source: American Airlines

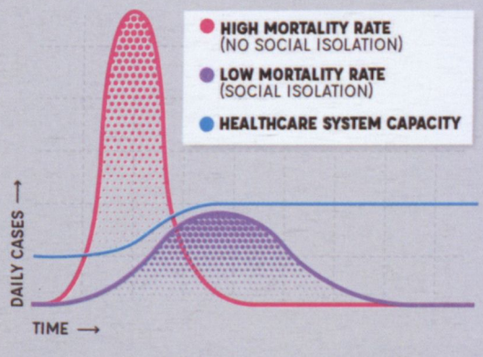
Planes Go Cargo

American Airlines has cut thousands of passenger flights in the face of the coronavirus. Now they are finding a purpose for some of their idle planes: flying their first cargo-only flights since 1984, when the airline retired their Boeing 747 freighters. With more than 200,000 commercial flights canceled, other airlines are stripping out passenger seats and turning their largest planes into cargo freighters as well.

FLATTEN THE CURVE

The biggest threat in this pandemic isn't necessarily the virus, but the stress on our healthcare system.

"Flattening the curve" refers to slowing the spread of the virus so that fewer people need to seek medical treatment at once, staying below the capacities of our health care system. Medical equipment and resources are finite, and once they become overwhelmed, people needing immediate treatment would tragically have to be turned away by hospitals.



WASH YOUR HANDS

Thoroughly and frequently wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not available.

COVER YOUR MOUTH

Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or a tissue, and discard used tissues immediately.

AVOID CONTACT

Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands, as that's how the virus enters your system.

CLEAN SURFACES

Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using an EPA-registered household disinfectant.

For more information, visit: **coronavirus.gov**

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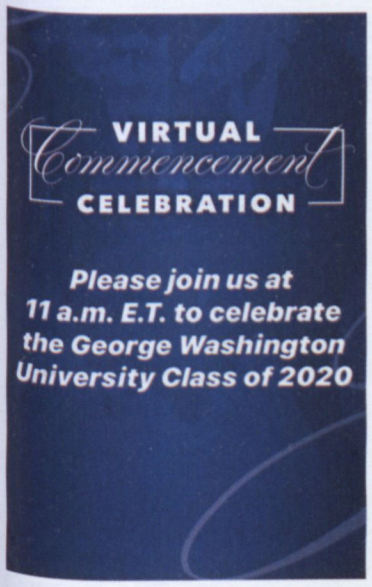
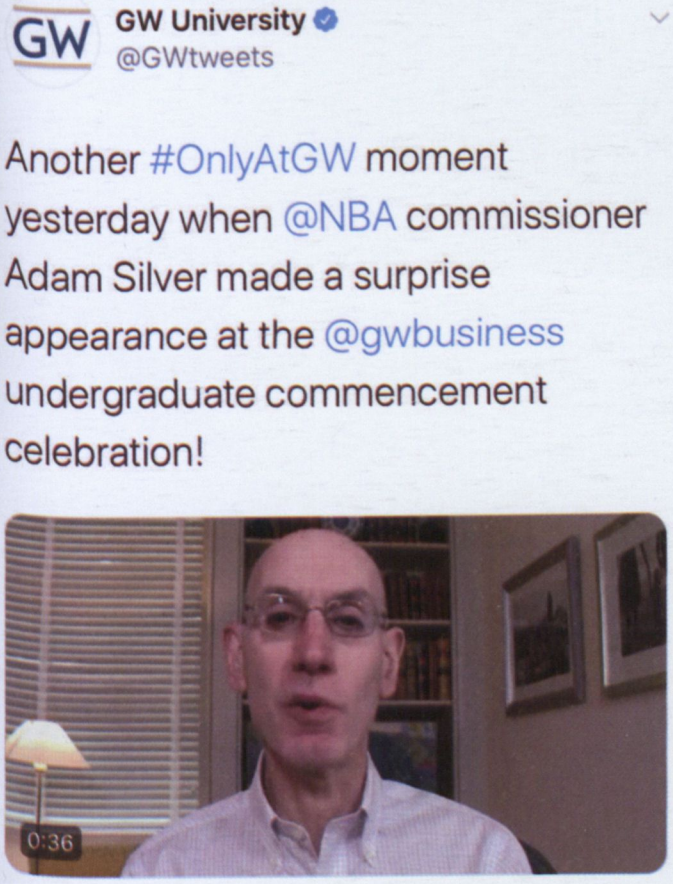


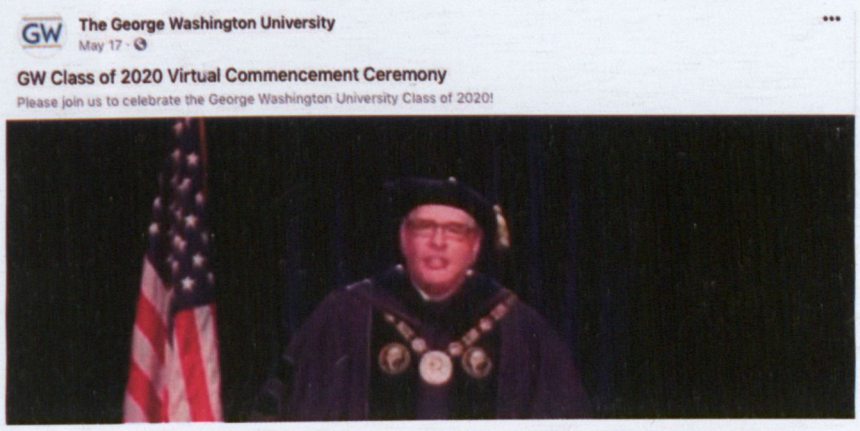


The Class of 2020 has been hard at work for four years waiting for the day all their hard work pays off and they get the chance to walk across the stage on the national mall. Unfortunately, this year graduation celebrations looked a little differently.

With the news that students and staff would be finishing the semester virtually due to COVID-19, that also meant that commencement would not be able to be held in person. Staff at GW immediately were hard at work to find a way to honor the class of 2020 and the time and effort they have devoted to earn their degrees.

Beginning May 14th and extending through the weekend, social media was flooded with images from clubs, sports teams, departments and schools honoring their seniors. In addition, each school held their own virtual graduation ceremony. The weekend finished with a university wide commencement ceremony, that has been archived for students and families to look back on.

Despite this years graduation celebrations being unconventional, and definitely not what the class of 2020 had envisioned, they along with all the other graduating students across this country will never forget these moments and the work they put in to get here.



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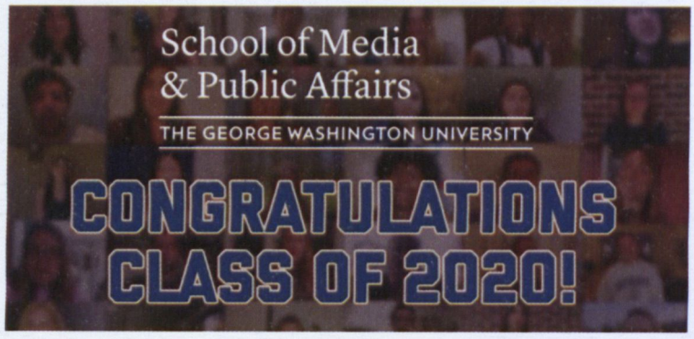

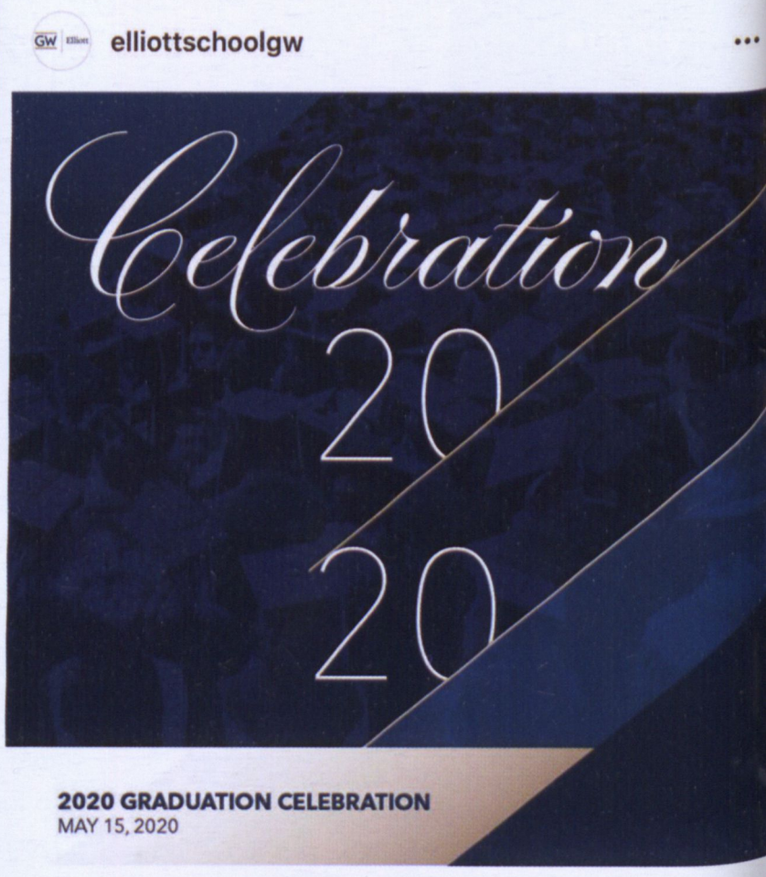

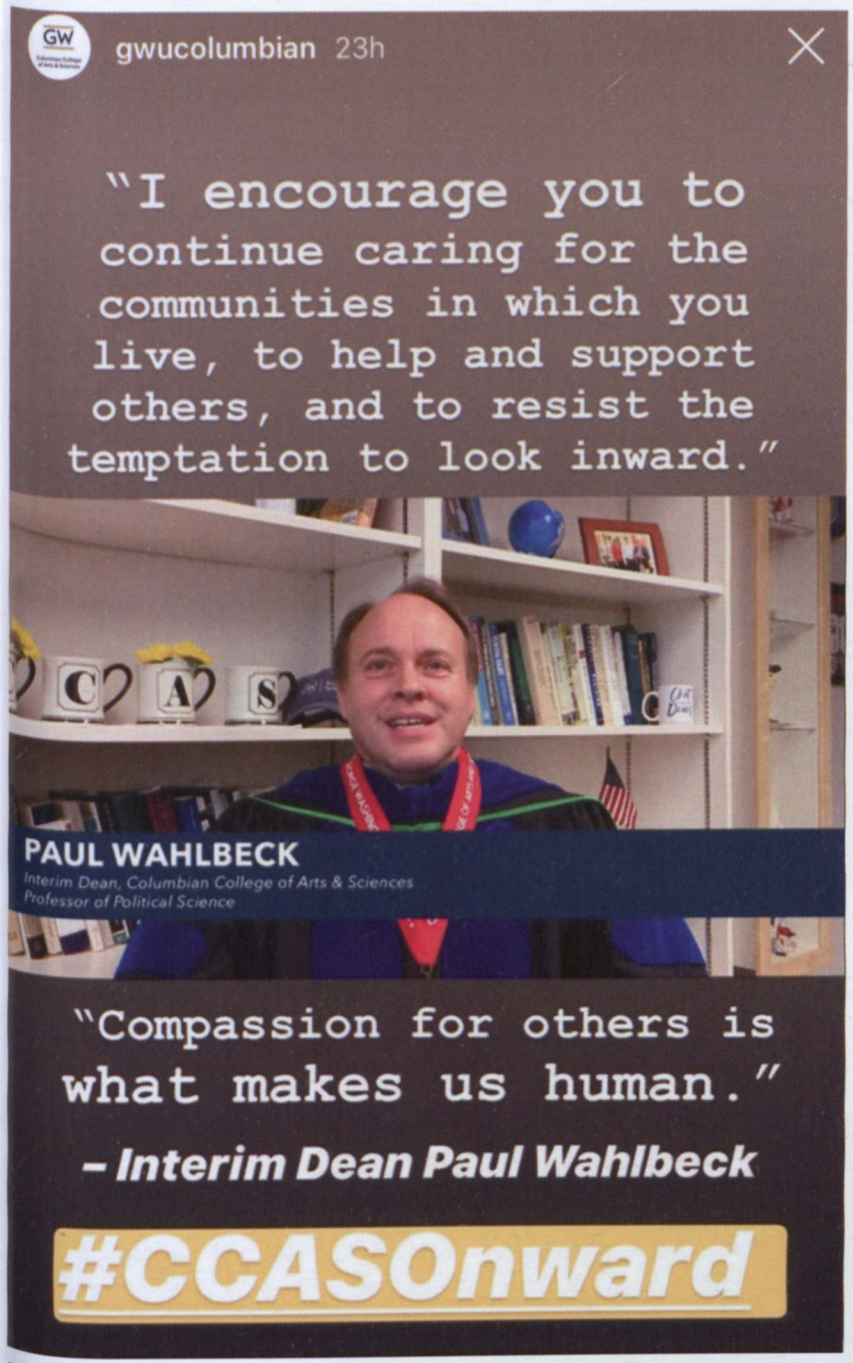
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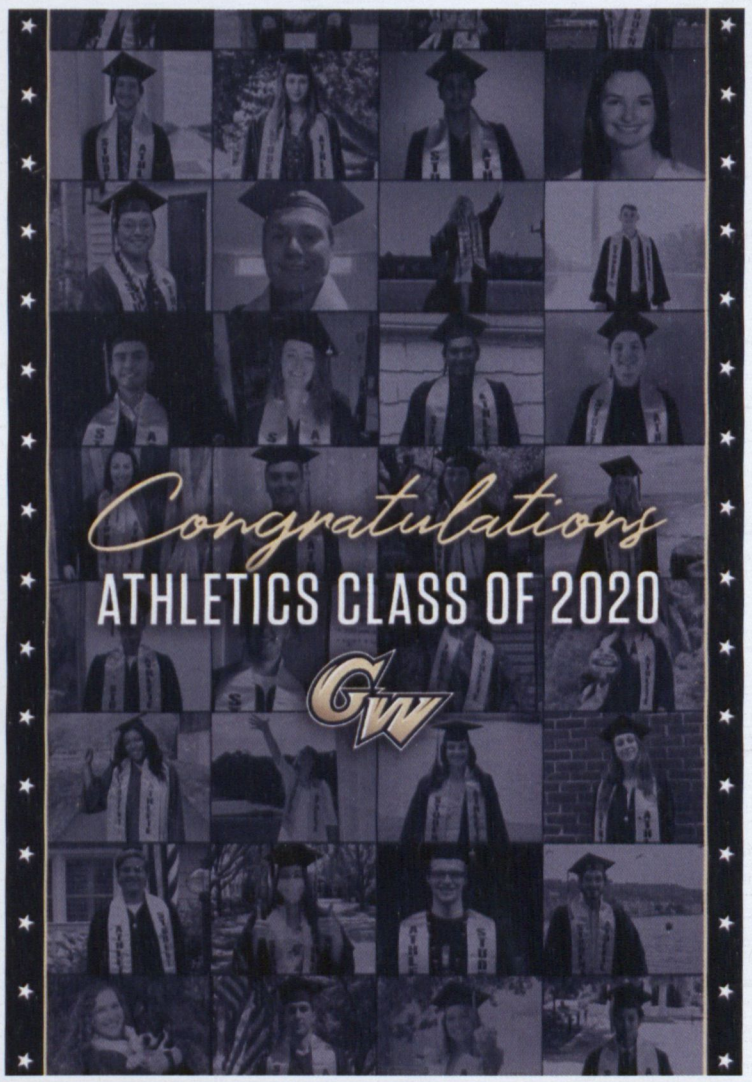
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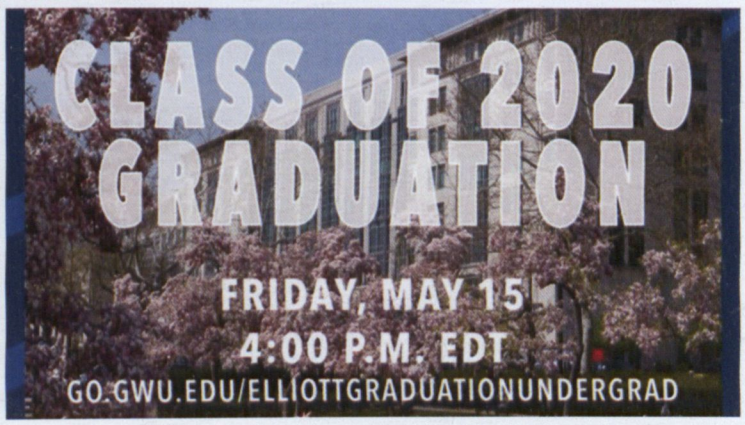
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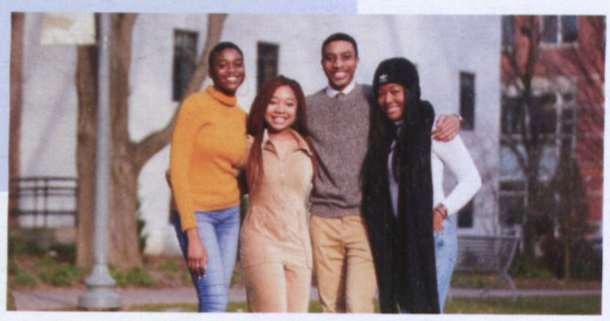

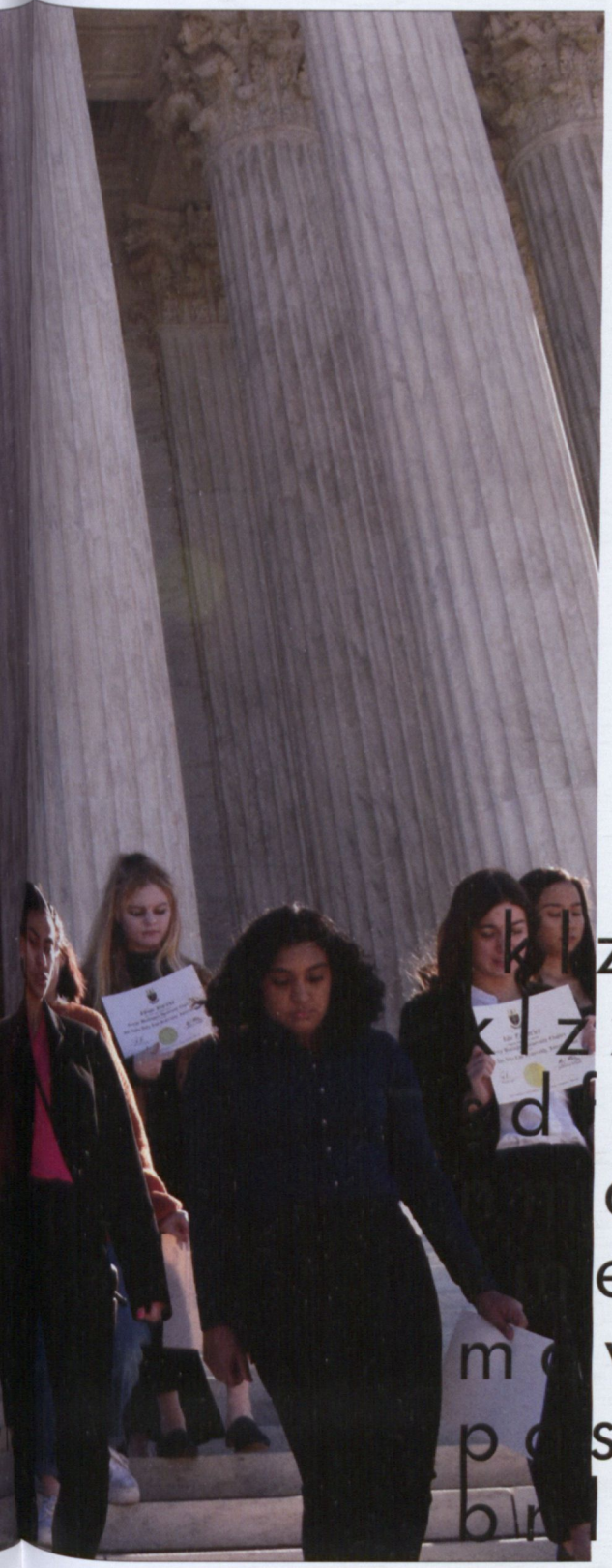

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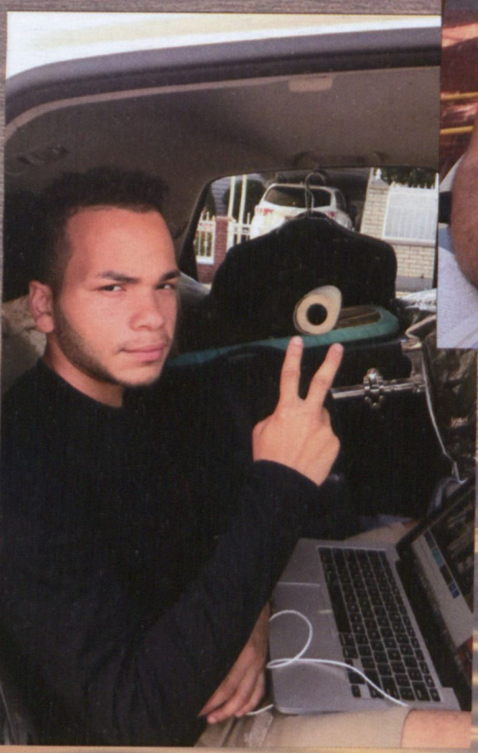
CONGRATULATIONS!!

You did it! I'm so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Life threw us a curveball for your graduation, but every cloud has a silver lining. As I release you into the real world, know that my door is always open and I will always love you unconditionally. Enjoy the ride, stay strong, and be resilient! And, explore the world! Love you always, Mom



Jonathan, it feels like yesterday that you packed for college and now you are graduating. You left as a rebellious teen and are now returning as a responsible young man. It has been a joy seeing you grow during these past four years. Life will pass you by, so be sure to seize every moment and follow your dreams. You have made us all very proud and I feel honored to be your favorite aunt. We love you very much - Lilly, Omar, Marissa & Bandit.

Leah Robertson

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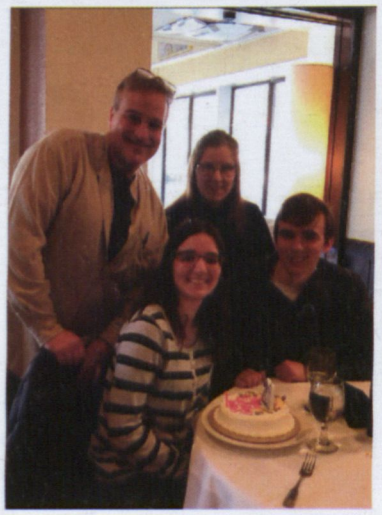


Dear Jackie,

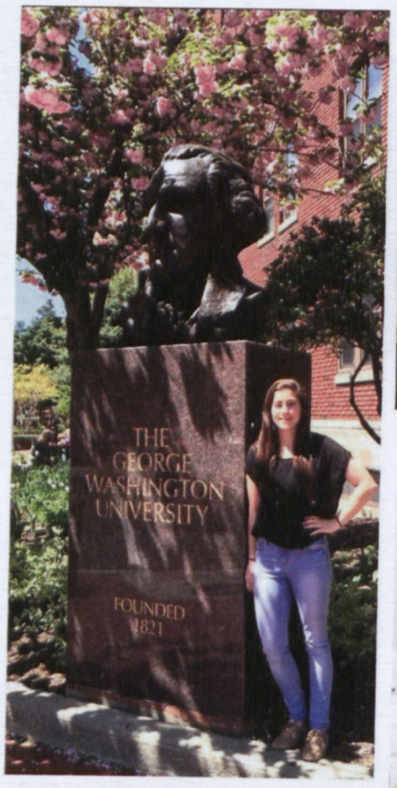
Your hard work and determination is only surpassed by your kindness. We love you and wish you continued success in medical school. May God bless you as you continue this journey. As you know, we will always be there for you.

We love you!

Mom, Dad, A.J., and Kirby

Congratulations Victoria Nilsen

We are all very proud of you and everything you have achieved as a student at George Washington University. Majoring in engineering is not easy, however, graduating with one of the highest GPA's in your major is a tribute to your hard work and intelligence. NASA hired you as an intern to work on the Moon/Mars Project, because they recognized your talents. All this was done while devoting four years to GW Cheer. You know better than anyone else how much time is required to cheer at over forty men & women's basketball games each year. We are very glad that your efforts were recognized, by being named Captain of GW Cheer for your senior year. God bless you, as you make your way in life and good luck at Deloitte! Love Mom & Dad and your Family



Congratulations Vicky!

All our love, Dad, Mom, Mama, Julia, Matt, Mikey, Em & Joy

Reminiscing the season at G.W.U - These free flowing thoughts came to mind about you - Caring, sharing, serving and learning - performing, drawing, baking and knitting

Longboarder, discipler, volunteer and section chair - The orchestra and pit, chamber groups and concerts

Inter varsity, Bridge, Cherry Tree Blossoms and Bubble Tea drinks - Farmers & Framers, Hot Pot and Sweetgreens

What an incredible full chapter of living the life - spectacularly accomplished yet unpretentious and humble - This is the portraiture of our beautiful daughter!

Finally now we'd like to convey - How overwhelmingly proud and joyful we share - The marvelous celebration of your graduation!

Samantha Cookinham

Petit a petit, l'oiseau fait son nid

Congratulations Samantha!

You are truly amazing in all that you have accomplished at GW. Excelling in everything that you do, keeping your goals in mind and always looking forward. We are all so proud of you! We can't wait to see where your life's journey takes you.

Love you more... Gram, Papa, Dad, Mom & Jacob

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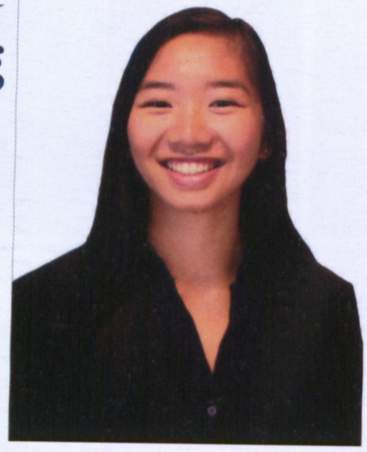

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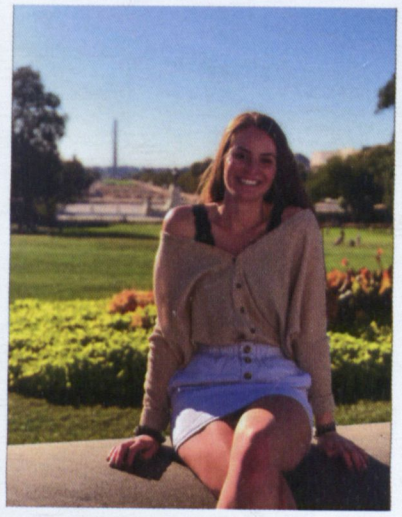

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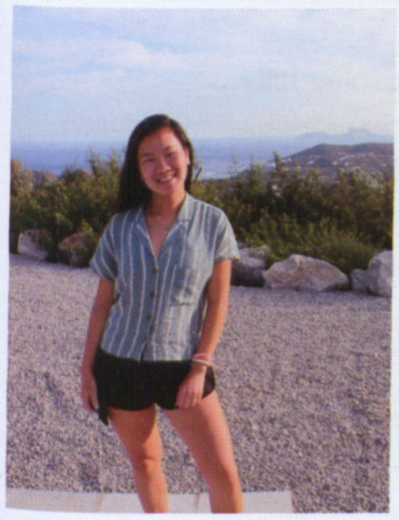

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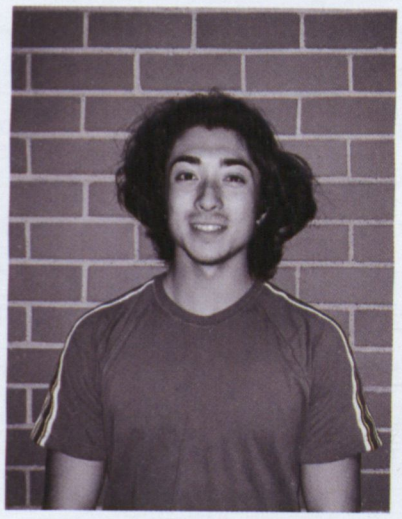

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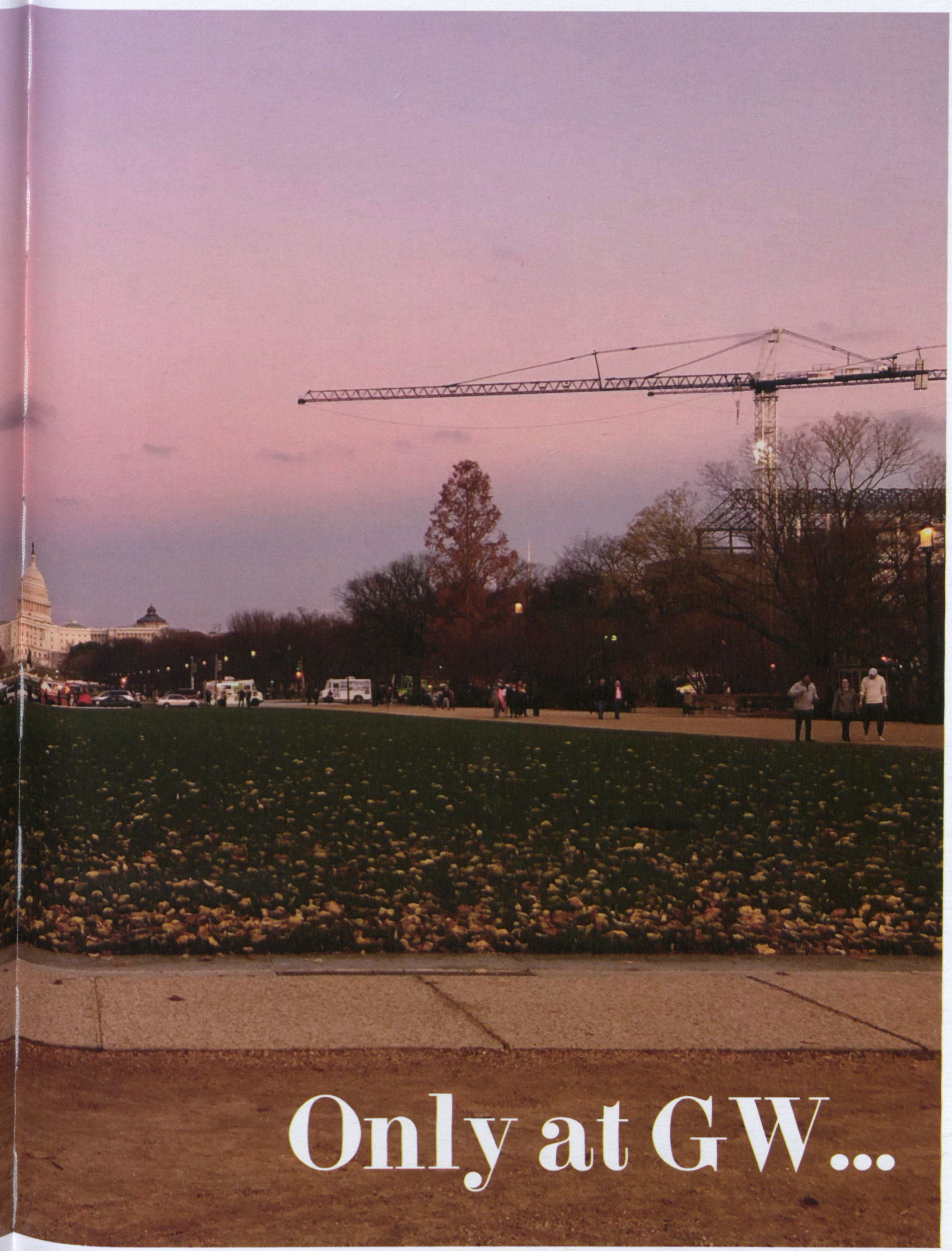

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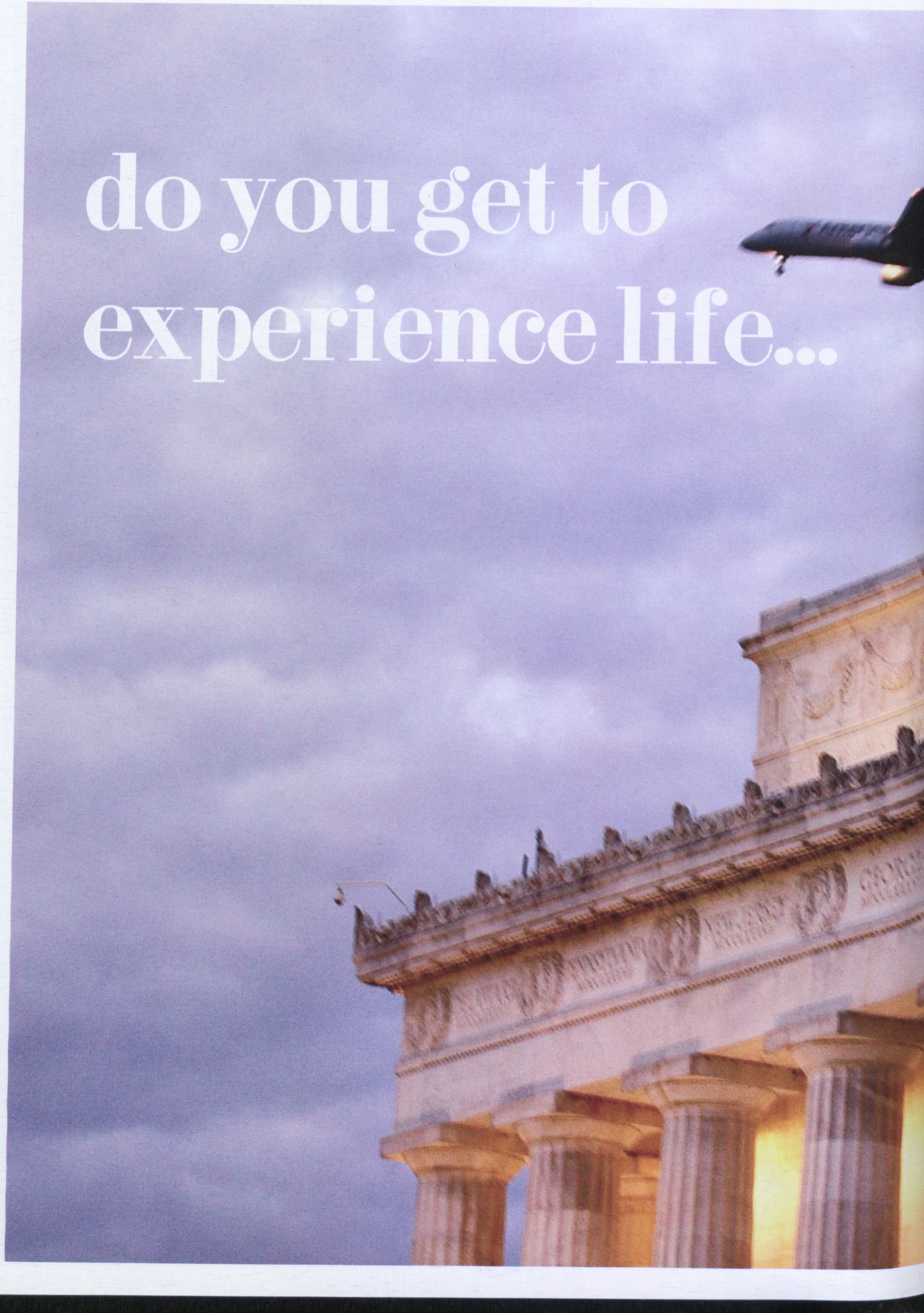
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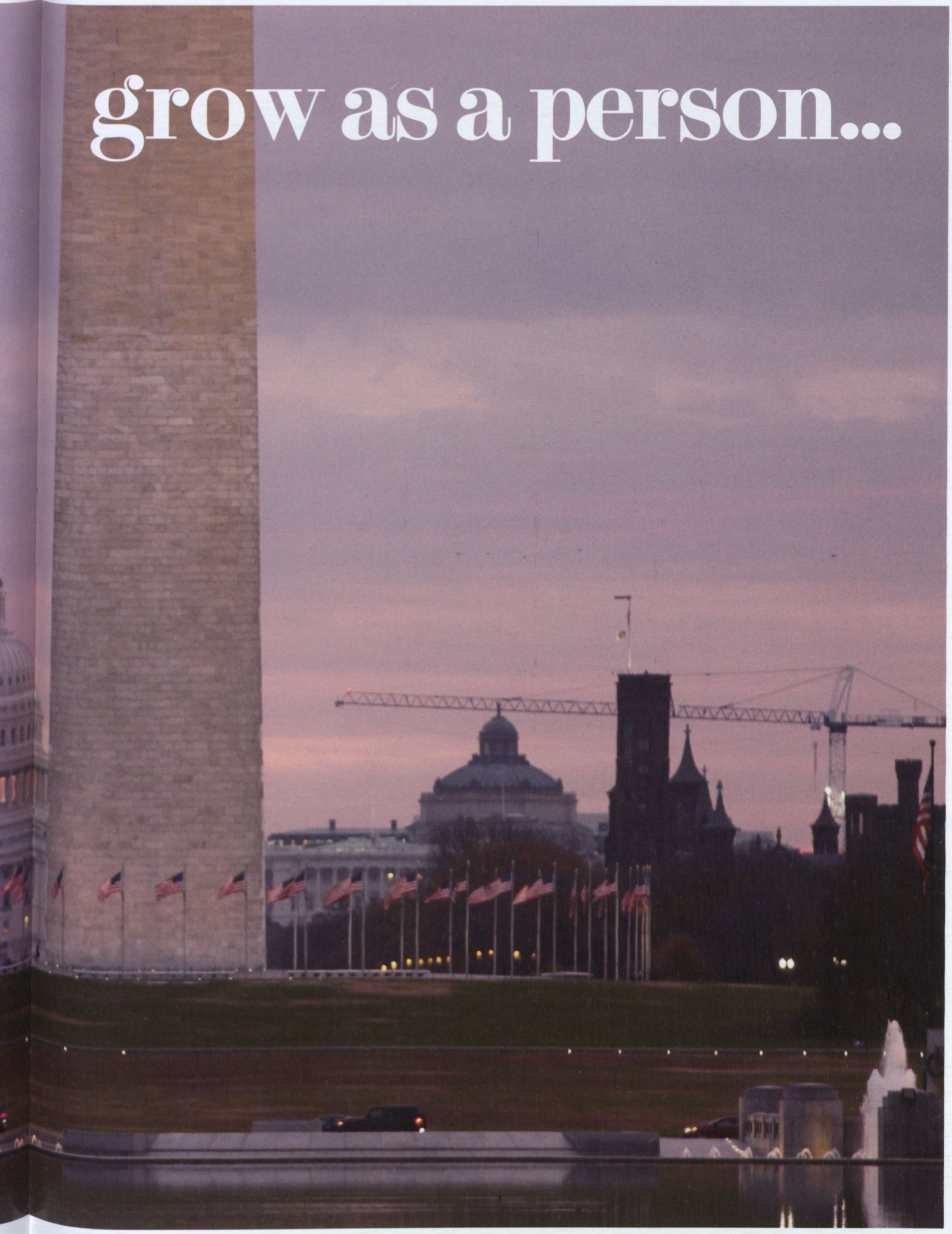

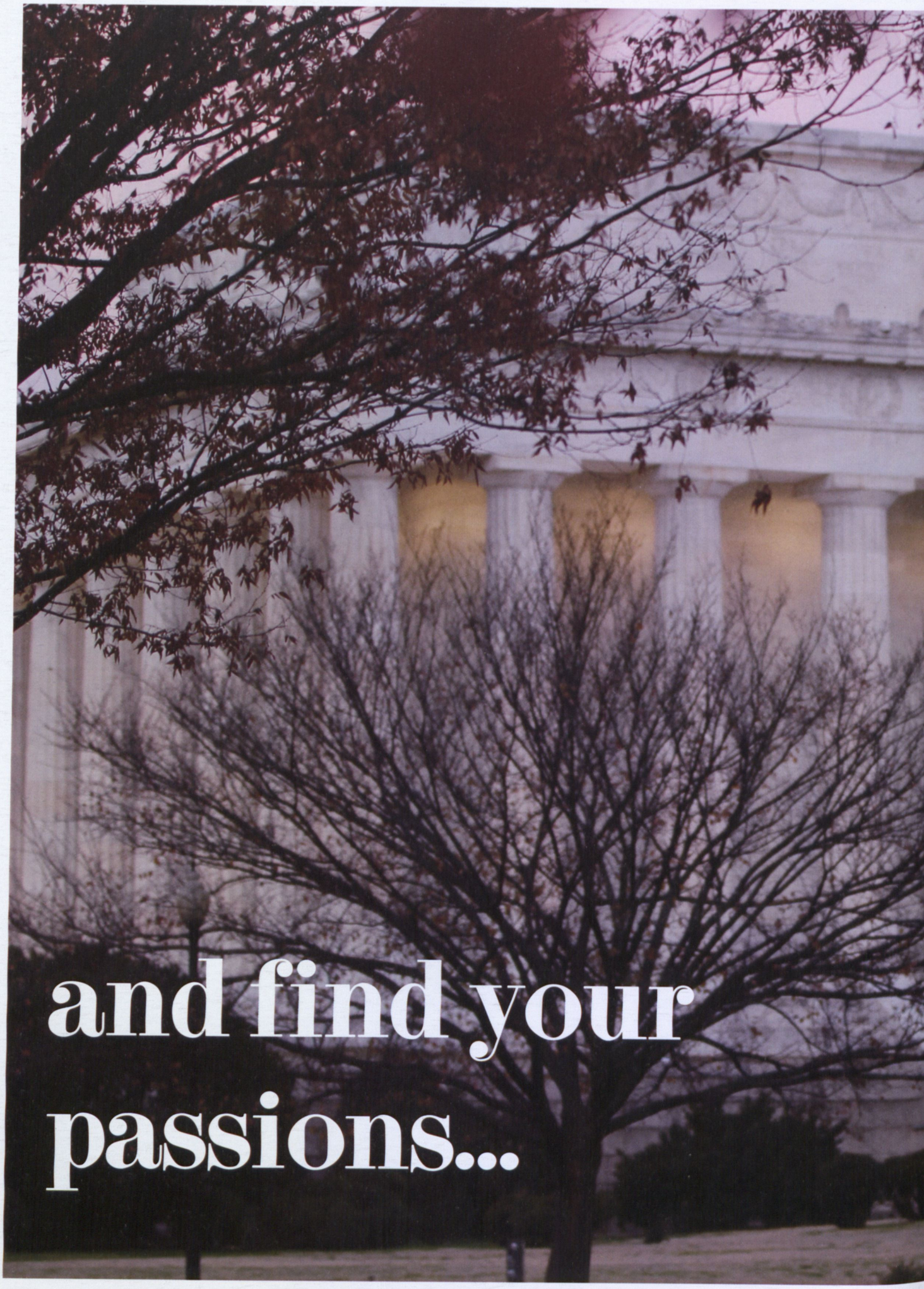
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